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GUARD (losing his temper): "It is impossible to enter into the minds of these passengers!"

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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom: to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

With the reassembling of Parliament after the Whitsuntide holiday, the W.S.P.U. campaign for votes this Session begins anew. It has to be remembered that in consequence of the passing of the Parliament Act the first two Sessions of a Parliament are the only effective Sessions, and that if women are to vote at the next General Election a measure for their enfranchisement must pass through the House of Commons this year. It is now generally recognised that only a Government measure can be successfully carried, not because the majority of the House of Commons is Anti-Suffragist, but because only the Government can apply the necessary driving force and provide the necessary discipline. The Government have already to make themselves responsible for

carrying a measure for Woman Suffrage, but the fulfilment of the promise was made conditional upon an impossibility—conditional, that is to say, upon the passage of an unofficial Woman Suffrage amendment to a Reform Bill for men.

Mr. Lloyd George's Prophecy.

Since the impossibility of carrying such an amendment is entirely due to political considerations, having no direct connection with the principle of Votes for Women, the demand of the W.S.P.U. is that they waive this impossible condition and themselves initiate the Votes for Women measure. In this way alone can they keep faith with those to whom they solemnly promised that they would, as a Government, fight for Woman Suffrage in the House of Commons, in the House of Lords, and in the country. In this connection we would remind our readers of Mr. Lloyd George's prophecy made in November last that those who were sceptical of the prospect then held out by the Government, would, on finding that millions of women were enfranchised in the Session of 1912, look very foolish. We can assure Mr. Lloyd George that we are anxiously waiting to look very foolish. At present it is he who is in danger of looking very dishonest. It should be noticed that the *Daily News*, referring in a leading article on June 4 to the legislative work of the Session, says nothing of "the great Reform Bill," but mentions a "Plural Voting Bill." Mr. Hobhouse at a public meeting recently spoke to the same effect. We look forward to the elucidation of this mystery.

The Home Rule Bill.

The question of Votes for Women will also arise in connection with the Home Rule Bill, and indeed it is time that the Government declared their attitude towards the proposed amendment to give women the right to vote for the proposed

Irish Parliament. Are they as a Government for or against this proposal? No doubt our Suffragist friends in Ireland, who have lately held a large meeting representative of all sections of the movement to demand equal rights for women under the Home Rule Bill, will shortly be demanding an answer to this question. Two Irishmen of influence who support the women's demand for Votes under the Home Rule Bill are the Rev. J. O. Hannay (George Birmingham) and Mr. George W. Russell (A.E.)

What will the Irish Party do?

Mr. Redmond has not yet made any public statement concerning the action which he and his followers will take when the Woman Suffrage amendment to the Home Rule Bill comes before the House of Commons. Will they vote for or against the amendment? Mr. Dillon, in a recent speech on Home Rule, declared that one of the blessings which Ireland will bring to the British Empire will be that its people will endeavour to make that Empire what it ought to be, a messenger of freedom for the whole world. That is indeed good news, Mr. Dillon! Of course, you will begin this great work for the Empire by seeing to it that freedom is given as part of the Home Rule Bill to your own countrywomen in Ireland. If you refuse to do that, we shall not believe that you are likely to be of much assistance in the larger task of making the Empire a missionary of freedom to the whole world. So far your efforts of the Irish Party in that direction have consisted in smashing the Conciliation Bill, and declaring war upon the Woman Suffrage cause in general.

The Imprisoned Leaders.

Mr. McKenna has up to the moment of going to press declined to place the imprisoned Leaders in the first division, although never in the history of the law's administration has so strong a case for first

division treatment been established. The jury's testimony to the purity of the motives underlying their acts and the claim for utmost leniency and clemency are in themselves sufficient to entitle these prisoners to a place in the first division. For what purpose, we ask, does the first division exist, if not for the reception of people like these? Or is it Mr. McKenna's wish to reserve the honour of first division treatment exclusively for vicious and disreputable members of his own sex—men of the type referred to by Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in her address to the judge? A more enlightened predecessor of Mr. McKenna's transferred the Jameson raiders, who, like the Suffragists, were political offenders, to the first division. Mr. McKenna would presumably have refused to do this. He does not, however, confess as much, but simply says that the reason the Jameson raiders were placed in the first division was unconnected with their status as political offenders. Assuming this contention to be sound, then, we demand to know on what ground they were so treated, because on that same ground we shall claim first division treatment for our prisoners. Mr. McKenna will find that his obstinacy is all in vain, neither those outside nor the prisoners inside will give way on this point.

Witnesses for the Defence.

The review of the Conspiracy Trial which we gave last week would not be complete without a reference to the powerful testimony given by the witnesses for the defence. First and foremost, we will draw attention to the evidence given in the speeches read out by Mr. Healy of those who had broken windows and been imprisoned for it. Every one of these speeches was in itself a perfect and eloquent vindication of militancy. Dr. Ethel Smyth's evidence, and particularly her reference to Mr. Lewis Harcourt, will long be remembered. Miss Eva Moore entered the witness-box and paid her tribute to the militant movement and its Leaders. Dr. Jessie Murray came to testify to the provocation to mere window-breaking afforded by the brutal assaults suffered by women on Black Friday; but the judge cut short these unwelcome revelations. The duel of argument between Sir Edward Busk and the Attorney-General was magnificent, and the Attorney-General was severely damaged in the encounter. In the course of cross-examination Sir Edward Busk was asked by the Attorney-General whether he had heard and understood the significance of Mrs. Pankhurst's adjuration to use the argument of stones. "Yes," was his reply, "and you and I have gained our votes by the same argument." Did he suggest that if he could not get anything he should break harmless people's windows, was the next question? "No," came the answer, "but I suggest that I, who have possessed the franchise all my life, cannot judge these women who do not possess it, and I refuse to judge them."

The Prosecution Silenced.

Was it his view, again enquired the Attorney-General, that upon the failure of constitutional methods, window-breaking might properly be resorted to? "No; but my knowledge is that all reforms have been gained in that way." It is not surprising that the Attorney-General soon extricated himself from the situation by saying, "We will not discuss that question further with you." Mrs. Morgan Dockrell was another witness who succeeded in bringing confusion into the ranks of the enemy. She described how in November, 1910, she saw women—"so disgracefully handled, so ill-used and ill-treated." She stated that this and other things—the failure of peaceful methods, the utter futility of depending upon the Government's promises, and the reiteration by men that women could not get the Vote without making themselves a nuisance—had caused her to become a militant. Her purpose had been to take a petition to the House of Commons. "Why would that make you a nuisance?" was the question of the Attorney-General; and "But no one is sent to prison for trying to get to the House of Commons, you know," said the judge. On both these points Mrs. Morgan Dockrell had some facts of importance to give to the jury. Another witness for the defence was the Rev. Dr. William Cobb. Many other ladies and gentlemen were in readiness to enter the witness-box, but owing to objections raised by the judge, they were not called upon to give their evidence.

Seven Years' Penal Servitude.

We repeat our protest against the sentence of nine months' imprisonment inflicted upon the Leaders, and we renew our demand for their release. It really is becoming impossible for the Government to keep window-breakers and inciters to window-breaking in prison while the Ulster men are left at liberty. The opponents of Home Rule are becoming more and more violent and lawless both in word and deed. At a meeting recently held in Ireland, Mr. William Moore, K.C., M.P., declared that he and his associates are deep in a conspiracy to resist Home Rule by every means in their power. It is, he continued, in pursuance and in furtherance of this conspiracy that their clubs are still drilling openly under the eyes of the police, practising route marching and perfecting themselves in strength against the evil day when they will be summoned to place their necks under the Nationalist heel. It is in pursuance

of this conspiracy that rifle clubs are springing up all over Ulster, and their women folk are being taught in first aid classes. Why do the Government remain inactive in face of the illegalities thus described by Mr. Moore? Mr. Moore believes it is because they dare not prosecute Sir Edward Carson and himself and others, lest Ulstermen rise up and take violent revenge for the capture of their leaders. Mr. Birrell's excuse for the Government's inertia is that the law has not yet been broken. That is not true. The law has been broken, for the Unlawful Drilling Act of 1819 makes it a misdemeanour, punishable by seven years' penal servitude, to train and drill men to the use of arms without lawful authority! We call upon the Government to release the Suffragist prisoners, or to send Sir Edward Carson, Mr. Moore, and the rest to gaol.

The By-Elections.

The two by-elections in South Hackney and in North-West Norfolk have resulted in greatly reduced Liberal majorities. In both elections the W.S.P.U. took an active part in opposition to the Government, and the Union can claim to have detached many votes from the Liberal candidates. The effect of this opposition to the Government is both direct and indirect. It rouses the electors to a sympathetic desire to help the women's cause by casting their votes against an Anti-Suffragist Government. The indirect effect is to make the Liberal electors generally distrustful of the Government and all their works. The women have found them out, say the electors, and we had better not trust them either, even in matters which immediately concern us as men. In each of these elections the majorities to be attacked were very large, and the Government nominee has therefore in each case been able to hold the seat. Given a few by-elections in constituencies in which the majority is a small one, the W.S.P.U. will be able to do great execution and to give the Government and their allies good reason to fear the women's agitation. A succession of by-election defeats at this critical time could be ill-sustained by the Government, and would seriously threaten the safety of the Home Rule Bill.

The Policy of the Labour Party.

The I.L.P., a component part of the larger Labour Party, has lately held its Annual Conference. Woman Suffrage was one of the subjects discussed, and the Conference decided by a very large majority to endorse the decision of their executive committee to oppose any extension of the franchise which does not confer citizenship upon women. This is certainly a most just and wise decision, so far as it goes. Unfortunately it does not, as a Parliamentary policy, go far enough. For Labour M.P.'s merely to vote against a Reform Bill at all or any of its stages (there is an impression abroad that they intend to do so at the third reading stage) may kill the Reform Bill, but will not necessarily compel the Government to grant votes to women. The policy is in short not sufficiently constructive in its effect. What is needed is to compel the Government to bring a measure of Woman Suffrage before Parliament. The right course for the Labour Members to adopt is to go into opposition unless and until, in response to this anti-Government action on their part, the Government introduce a Bill giving votes to women. Sleepless, relentless, and continuous opposition to the Government and to its various proposals will be needed.

What It Ought to Be.

To stake everything upon the third reading division on the Reform Bill is a policy too weak to achieve the great end in view. The Government on that one special occasion could and would beat up every available supporter in order to counteract Labour opposition. Before and after this division, Labour support is, we understand, to be accorded to the Government whatever may happen to the women's cause. Naturally, women demand something more practical than that. They demand in short, that the Labour Party shall be at war with the Government until women are enfranchised. The Government would, as a result of the Labour Party's opposition, suffer a real and permanent loss of prestige and of power. In the country the Labour electors, following the lead given by Labour M.P.'s in the country, would vote against the Government at the by-elections, and in the House of Commons the chances are that before long the Government would find themselves on some unexpected occasion in a minority. Faced by such a prospect, there is little doubt that the Government would surrender as soon as the Labour Party's intention to oppose them was announced.

A Mistaken Alliance.

We are surprised to find a very strong tendency on the part of many Labour M.P.'s to regard the mere existence of the present Liberal Government as being in itself a definite advantage. It is not that the Labour Members approve the policy and conduct of the Government; on the contrary, they dislike the Government's foreign policy, their Labour policy, their high expenditure on armaments, their franchise policy. Indeed, the difficulty is to find one single particular on which the Labour Members find themselves in agreement with the Government. Not one point in the Labour programme would be jeopardised by the adoption of an anti-Government policy, unless it be Home Rule; and considering that the Home

Rule Bill applies only to men, and is, therefore, not in accordance with Labour principles, and considering that Mr. Redmond is bent on wrecking the cause of Votes for Women, for which the Labour Party stands, the Labour Members are fully entitled to leave Mr. Redmond and the Home Rule Bill to their fate. If they do so, they will very soon find that the Government and the Nationalists come pleading for their aid on any terms they like to name. As things are at present, the Labour Party has much less than its share of influence. The Welsh Liberal group, numbering only thirty-one as against the forty Labour Members, have made an excellent bargain, and have secured for their Bill a powerful place in the Government's programme for the Session. This fact disposes of the argument that the Labour Members, not being numerous enough entirely to wipe out the Government's majority, cannot profitably adopt an anti-Government policy. They might not by this means attain their object, though we think they would attain it, but they would at least keep their hands clean and would bear no responsibility for the Government's misdeeds towards women.

To Answer the Government!

The Government, who thought to stamp out the militant Suffrage movement by imprisoning its Leaders, have made the common mistake of all reactionaries. They have received their answer not only in the world-wide expressions of indignation recorded on page 580, but also in the enormously increased activities of the W.S.P.U., in the magnificent open-air demonstrations of last Saturday and Sunday, described in another part of the paper, in the great open-air campaign that is now being organised, in the long list of meetings now being held all over the country. They will receive it again at the mass meeting in the Albert Hall on June 15, when, with Mrs. Tuke in the chair, Mr. Healy, K.C., Mrs. Mansell-Moullin, Miss Elizabeth Robins, and Miss Annie Kenney will each in individual manner demonstrate the invulnerability of the Union the Government pretend they have crushed. The lower orchestra will be occupied by those Suffragists who have been released from prison up to date; and everyone will rejoice in the opportunity of welcoming these brave prisoners of war. The success of this important meeting, held at a critical moment, depends now only upon the members of the Union, who alone can procure tickets for it; and we take this opportunity to urge them to arouse public interest in the demonstration by bringing their friends in large numbers to hear the answer the women have to give the Government.

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A MESSAGE FROM ?

To the Women's Social and Political Union.

After the stress and strain and varied emotions of the past weeks, members of the Union will be glad indeed to come together at the GREAT ALBERT HALL MEETING ON SATURDAY, JUNE 15.

At that moment the fight for the recognition of their political status which the imprisoned Leaders are making will probably be at its height. The thoughts of all will be focussed upon the struggle even then going on inside the prison walls.

This critical Session has now entered upon its second stage, and therefore the political situation will have to be very seriously considered at this meeting.

As members of a militant Society those present will rejoice in and take new courage from the fact that the recent Conspiracy Trial has afforded a great and new vindication and justification of the militant agitation.

The thought of all those in prison will give strength to face and overcome every remaining difficulty.

The thousands gathered together in that great Hall will renew their vows of service to the cause of women's liberty.

It is not by words and applause only that they will do honour to the prisoners and express their devotion to their cause. A great fund will be collected as an act of defiance to the Government, as a golden monument to the prisoners, and as a provision for the coming warfare.

Those who in the absence of the Treasurer are in charge of the Union's finances are confident that at this crisis the members and friends of the Union will show all their accustomed generosity—a generosity that fills the enemy with fear and the rest of the world with admiration.

Money is needed at this moment for a twofold reason.

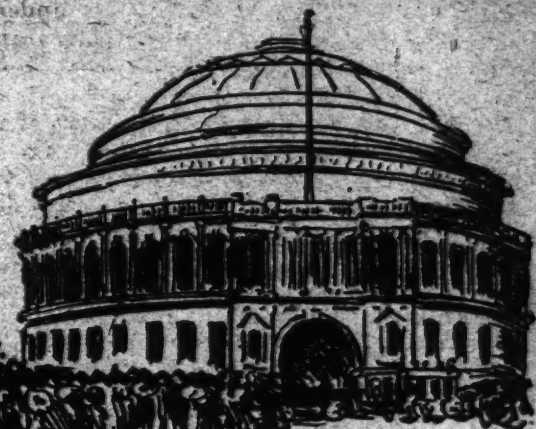
It is needed to prove to the Government that whereas they thought by the recent attack to weaken the movement, they have strengthened it. Money is needed also for the practical

purposes of expanding the organisation, of developing the VOTES FOR WOMEN paper and its circulation, and financing a new and important project shortly to be announced.

What has made the W.S.P.U. remarkable among revolutionary movements has been its two-sided and balanced development, the peaceful and educational side of the movement always keeping pace with militant action.

If militancy is the soul of the movement, stable organisation and great financial resources are its body. Both are indispensable. Without militancy the organisation would have disintegrated, without organisation and finance militancy could not so triumphantly have withstood and waxed strong by the Government's repressive measures.

Remembering how finely and freely the prisoners are giving themselves and their liberty, those who have hitherto from choice or necessity kept to smoother paths will be glad of the opportunity that will be theirs on JUNE 15 to give at least money to further the Union's great work.



THE IMPRISONED LEADERS.

Universal Protests.

"I will put a girdle round about the earth."—A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The sentence passed on the leaders of the Women's Social and Political Union has roused universal indignation and astonishment. Nine months in the second division! From all over the world come protests, messages of sympathy, accounts of indignation meetings. The press has been full of comments adverse to the Government. One of the best-known Liberal organs demands the instant release of all Suffragist prisoners; others almost with one voice call for immediate transference to the first division and a mitigation of the sentence.

AN IMPORTANT MEMORIAL.

More active proofs of the feeling aroused among all fair-minded people are to be found in the memorials addressed to the Home Secretary, asking for political treatment for the Leaders. The following one from Oxford, over signatures nobly representative of the University, has already been sent to Mr. McKenna:

To the Right Honourable Reginald McKenna, Secretary of State for Home Affairs.

We, the undersigned, while recognising that damage to private property cannot be allowed to pass unpunished, feel that that principle has been sufficiently vindicated, and fear that the treatment of offenders, admittedly actuated by the highest motives, as if they were common criminals, may tend to lower law and government in the public estimation. We therefore desire most earnestly to press for the granting of treatment as first-class misdemeanants to Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, political prisoners, against whom not even the prosecution alleged any moral turpitude, and to whose "undoubted purity of motive" the jury drew particular attention.

SIDNEY BALL, Fellow and Tutor of St. John's College, Oxford.

A. J. CARLILE, D.Litt., Lecturer and Chaplain of University College, Oxford.

J. ESTLIN CARPENTER, D.Litt., Principal, Manchester College.

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W. M. GELDART, Vicar and Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

G. S. GORDON, Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.

GERALD GOULD, Fellow of Merton College, Oxford.

H. L. HENDERSON, Fellow and Tutor of New College, Oxford.

A. J. HERBERTSON, Professor of Geography, Oxford.

HENRY SCOTT HOLLAND, Regius Professor of Divinity, D.D., Christchurch, Oxford.

J. LESLIE JOHNSTON, Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford.

R. A. KNOX, Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford.

A. D. LINDSAY, Fellow and Tutor of Balliol College, Oxford.

JOHN RHYE, Principal of Jesus College, Oxford.

ARTHUR SADOWICK, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

J. L. STOKES, Fellow and Lecturer of St. John's College, Oxford.

P. A. WRIGHT HENDERSON, Warden of Wadham College, Oxford.

OTHER MEMORIALS.

We understand that a similar memorial is being prepared at Cambridge; also that in a few days an International petition to the same effect will be forwarded to the Home Office, signed by men and women of world-wide reputation and of numerous nationalities.

Under the auspices of the National Political Reform League, the following memorial has been prepared, and is to be presented immediately in the House of Commons for signature:

To the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

We, the undersigned Members of Parliament most earnestly appeal to you as representing His Majesty's Government to place in the first division those prisoners who are now undergoing sentences of imprisonment for offences committed during the present political agitation for woman's suffrage.

We would respectfully urge that the rider to the verdict of the jury in the recent trial of Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence has made it clear that in the minds of these men who followed closely the whole proceedings, the aims and motives of the offenders are not such as to warrant their being placed among the criminal class of prisoners.

The annexed copy of letter is sufficient proof of the desire of the jury that these offenders should receive the privileges of first division treatment. It would seem to us, therefore, that in recommending His Majesty's clemency you would be acting

in accordance with the express desire of the jury. In the cases of other prisoners now serving sentences which we submit are disproportionate to the political offences committed, our appeal is for the like clemency of treatment in the first division during the remaining period of their detention in His Majesty's prisons.

A SIGNIFICANT LETTER.

A significant letter appeared in the *Standard* ("Woman's Platform") on June 3. We give it herewith:

THE SUFFRAGIST TRIAL.

Sir,—I am exceedingly anxious to get into immediate touch with as many as possible of my fellow-jurors in the above case, and therefore ask that you will be so good as to insert this letter in your widely-read paper.

I shall be much obliged if each juror who sees this letter will kindly send me a postcard giving me his name and address.

C. C. WARDEN.

11, Aberdeen Court, Aberdeen Park, Highbury, N.

This was followed the next day by a paragraph running thus:

Mr. C. C. Warden, of 11, Aberdeen Court, Aberdeen Park, Highbury, N., one of the members of the jury in the suffragist trial, is organising a petition from the jury for a remission or reduction of the sentences passed upon Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Pankhurst. Mr. Warden informed a representative of the *Standard* yesterday that at least one-half of the members of the jury expressed their dissatisfaction at no notice being taken of their recommendation for leniency, in which recommendation every juror without exception joined.

In view of the widespread condemnation of the Judge for ignoring the recommendations of the jury in the recent trial, this action on the part of Mr. Warden is very significant, and we await developments with the keenest interest, merely commenting afresh here on the profound mistake made by the Government in giving the W.S.P.U. a chance of stating their case to twelve free jurymen. Magistrates, judges, and police can be controlled by the Government—but not yet a British jury!

A CAMBRIDGE OPINION.

In a letter published in the *Cambridge Review* for May 30 Mr. E. W. Barnes writes from Trinity College, Cambridge:

"Although you have closed your columns to correspondence dealing with the suffragist movement, I trust that you will allow me to write on a question in which I have a personal interest. Mr. P. W. Pethick Lawrence came up to Trinity from Eton in 1891, and was entered on Mr. Boughey's side. In 1894 he was bracketed fourth Wrangler; in 1895 he obtained a First Class in Part I. of the Natural Sciences Tripos. In the next year he was President of the Union. Mr. Masterman, the present Secretary to the Treasury, had occupied the same office two terms before, and about the same time the present Solicitor-General and Mr. F. E. Smith were Presidents of the Oxford Union. In 1896 Mr. Lawrence obtained a Smith's Prize; in the next year he obtained the Adam Smith Prize for an essay on 'Local Variations in Rates of Wages,' which showed thus early his interest in economic and social conditions. In 1897 this work and a most interesting investigation of the factorisation of large numbers secured his election to a Fellowship at Trinity. Immediately after his election he put himself on the supernumary list, and thus voluntarily gave up the pecuniary emoluments attached to his Fellowship. Younger members of the University may be interested to know that Mr. Lawrence showed no mean skill at billiards and lawn tennis. Last Wednesday Mr. Lawrence was convicted of conspiracy: the jury expressed a wish for 'the utmost clemency and leniency' in view of the 'undoubtedly pure motives which underlie the agitation which led to this trouble.' The trial was, I think, scrupulously fair, though the account of it reads more like English ladies and gentlemen arguing in favour of political reform than criminals brought up for punishment in the High Court. In the end, Mr. Lawrence was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in the second division. Imprisonment in the first division is still imprisonment: a heavy punishment to an enthusiast, who at forty feels that nine months is an appreciable portion of his remaining life; and I ask that those in Cambridge who agree with me will send me a postcard to be attached to a petition to the Home Secretary, asking that Mr. Pethick Lawrence may be imprisoned in the first division. Any signatures that may thus reach me shall be forwarded through a suitable channel."

BONNIE DUNDEE!

The Committee of Dundee Electors have sent to the Home Secretary the following letter:

Sir,—We regret to observe that the Leaders of the Women's Social and Political Union—Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence—committed to prison for conspiracy in connection with the recent suffrage disturbances, have not been placed in the First Division, as is customary in the case of political offenders. No one can fail to recognise the vast difference that exists between such offenders

and the common law-breaker. Actuated by the highest of motives, they have the best interests of their country at heart. To confine persons of this type in the Second Division, although certain relaxation of the ordinary prison discipline is allowed, is to fall away from the traditions of the past. Men such as Mr. Parnell, Mr. Ginnell, Mr. Wm. O'Brien, Dr. Jameson, and Mr. W. T. Stead were all placed in the First Division because of the political nature and pure motive of their offences. As a committee of electors endeavouring to secure for suffragists the recognition of their status as political prisoners, we call upon you to order the immediate transfer to the First Division of all those now in prison in connection with the movement for the enfranchisement of women.—We are, sir, yours faithfully, Charles M. Grant, D.D., Robert Sturton, Leslie Ower, A. W. Paton, J. Percy Sturrock.

INTERNATIONAL COMMENTS.

FROM FRANCE.

From the editor of the *Cosmopolitan Herald*, Paris, to the editor of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*:

C'est avec indignation que nous venons d'apprendre le jugement qui inflige à Mrs. Pankhurst et à Mr. et Mrs. Pethick Lawrence un emprisonnement de neuf mois.

Cette condamnation paraît à tous et à juste titre, tout à fait injuste et arbitraire; nous avons peine à comprendre en France qu'un délit d'aussi mince importance que le bris de quelques vitres puisse motiver une semblable sévérité de la part des magistrats.

Une première fois déjà, la Présidente de notre section féministe, Madame de Morès avait énergiquement protesté contre de tels verdicts. Croyez bien qu'en cette pénible occasion encore, nous associons pleinement nos protestations aux vôtres et souhaitons vivement le jour prochain du succès qui vous dédommagera de ces tristesses.

Nous vous prions de vouloir bien agréer, madame, l'expression de notre considération la plus distinguée.

FROM GERMANY.

When the jury in the Trial of the suffragettes gave their verdict of guilty they unanimously recommended, in view of the purity of the motives which inspired the agitation of the suffragettes, that the judge should give the lightest possible sentence. In spite of this, however, the judge sentenced the three defendants to nine months' imprisonment, and most emphatically refused to order them first-class treatment.

The treatment given to Parnell during the bitter fight with the Irish in 1881, and Stead in 1885, and to Jameson and his companions in connection with the Transvaal raid in 1896, cannot be denied to the suffragettes. Public opinion will demand that all the more on account of the fact that if a promise to abandon the agitation had been given the charge would have been dropped.—*Neue Freie Presse* (Translated).

FROM ITALY.

Mrs. Annie Besant sends from Italy "heartily congratulations to the W.S.P.U. on your brave leaders."

FROM INDIA.

From a medical woman in India: "My sympathies are with you all at home, and my blood boils at the treatment which the noble women in prison are receiving. I only wish I was at home to help in the window smashing. I have seen much of the subjugation of women in the East, but nothing here equals civilised England's methods of breaking a woman's spirit."

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

From Chicago comes the cable: "Sympathy. Indignation at vindictive sentences."

Miss Alice Morrill writes from Cambridge, Mass.:

"As an American woman, committed to equal suffrage, though not to the expediency of militant tactics, I wish to express my indignation at the sentence recently passed upon your leaders. It is incredible that any European country except Russia should tolerate such treatment of able and high-minded persons, whose pure characters and disinterested motives no adversary can deny. Surely the English Government and nation must some day realise the infamy of such a sentence. Your courageous leaders do not need any message of praise and sympathy from admirers over here. Their motto has been proved, and will not fail them now. But let me at least send a word of appreciation for the inspiration of their brave and earnest efforts in behalf of our common ideal. God speed the day when the cause of equal rights shall be realised everywhere."

RESOLUTIONS.

THE I.L.P.

The Hammersmith branch of the I.L.P. have expressed their feelings in a resolution protesting against the sentences on Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, whereby they are not only condemned to imprisonment for the alleged crime, but have also to pay

the costs of the trial, and considers this a miscarriage of English justice. The following resolution was carried at four open-air meetings held in Nottingham under the auspices of the I.L.P.:

That this meeting of Nottingham citizens protests against the severity of the sentence passed on Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and calls on the Government to accord to them the treatment given to political offenders in other civilised countries and in our own country at various times by transferring them immediately to the first division.

Copies are to be sent to the local members of Parliament and to the Home Secretary.

UNION OF ETHICAL SOCIETIES.

The Council of the Union of Ethical Societies at its last meeting passed the following resolution:

That having regard to the high personal character and long public service of Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, and also of the motive which prompted them to offend against the law, the Council of the Union of Ethical Societies hereby protests against the severity of the sentence of nine months' imprisonment in the second division to which they have been condemned, and appeals to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department to reduce the sentence and to place the prisoners as political offenders in the first division as long as they are in prison.

SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES.

The Birmingham Woman Suffrage Society have passed the following resolution and sent it to Mr. McKenna:

The executive committee of Birmingham Women's Suffrage Society, composed of members holding various political opinions, who have always disapproved of and condemned methods of disorder and violence in political agitations, strongly protest against the refusal to Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Pankhurst of prison treatment in first division, such as was accorded to Dr. Jameson and Sir J. Willoughby and others guilty of more serious political offences.

The Australian and New Zealand Women Voters' Association and the Irish Women's Franchise League, Dublin, have also passed resolutions protesting against the sentences and demanding proper treatment for political prisoners. These were sent to Mr. Asquith and Mr. McKenna.

[An account of great demonstrations of protest will be found on the next page, and resolutions were also passed at the W.S.P.U. weekly meetings in the London Pavilion and the Steinway Hall, reports of which are crowded out.]

IN THE HOUSE.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. King asked whether a warrant is still out for the arrest of Miss Christabel Pankhurst; and whether, having regard to the punishment passed on others charged with the offence for which she is sought, all proceedings against Miss Christabel Pankhurst will be dropped?

Mr. McKenna: The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative, and to the second in the negative.

Mr. King asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he has considered the sentences passed on May 22 on Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence; and whether he is prepared to recommend a mitigation of the punishment imposed?

Mr. Keir Hardie asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether he has come to any decision respecting the transference of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, now undergoing sentence of nine months' imprisonment in the second division in connection with the movement for the political enfranchisement of women, to the first division, as has been frequently done with political offenders and ordinary criminals in the past?

Mr. McKenna: In consequence of a communication made to me yesterday by the prisoners' solicitor, I am consulting the judge in this matter.

A PRESS COMMENT.

Considerable interest is centred in the questions which have been put down for to-day by Mr. Keir Hardie and Mr. King dealing with the woman suffrage prisoners. There is a widespread feeling that the time has come for a review of the sentences passed upon the women concerned in the window-smashing raid, and the House would hear with relief that the Home Secretary had decided, by exercise of the prerogative of mercy, to release, not merely the persons sentenced for conspiracy, viz., Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, but also the humbler women who are in prison for wilful damage to property.

Whenever the Reform Bill is brought forward, whether in the present or in the 1913 Session, it will bring with it the certainty of the Parliamentary vote for women. I do not believe that a Reform Bill without provision for the enfranchisement of women would ever pass through the present House of Commons.—*H.J.*, in the *Daily Chronicle* June 4.

A GREAT POPULAR CAMPAIGN OF DEMONSTRATIONS.

Ealing and Wimbledon Lead the Way.

The London Local Women's Social and Political Unions have risen nobly to the urgency of the political situation. They have organised a great series of weekly demonstrations to prove the popular demand for votes for women in 1912.

Several local unions are sharing the responsibility of each of the demonstrations, and are working together to secure success, as Suffragettes so well know how to.

In advertising the demonstrations help has been enlisted from at least one entirely new quarter. The management of the underground railways and of several of the tram and omnibus companies have generously agreed to display free advertisements and, in some cases, to grant cheap fares also, for the whole series of demonstrations. These business firms wisely recognise that the suffrage cause and the suffrage speakers are immensely popular



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nowadays, and that, as well as so kindly helping us to make our meetings known, they will themselves benefit through the increase in passenger traffic. Besides the companies who are doing us this great service, we have to thank Miss Gladys Shedden, who, by tact and perseverance, has so successfully carried through these arrangements.

As I have said, the general plan is that several Unions shall co-operate in each demonstration, but as Ealing was somewhat isolated from any other, that gallant little union bravely assayed to organise its demonstration single-handed, and decided not merely to shoulder the whole responsibility of its effort, but to lead the way for others. So Ealing began the series on Saturday, June 1.

All the way there in the train on Saturday I kept catching glimpses of the posters announcing the Ealing and Wimbledon

showers was not a very heavy one, and as the people seemed willing, we began to speak.

Mr. J. Y. Kennedy and Mr. G. A. Chambers (both well-known local speakers) and I mounted the nearest platform. The people at once flocked round us—a splendid crowd, in spite of the rain. It took all and more than all one's voice to reach them, and before long there was an equally large gathering round the platform where Mrs. Drummond, Miss Agnes Kelley, and Mr. Tom Norris were the speakers. The organisers of the demonstration had intended to have four platforms, but owing to the weather they decided only to send out two. It is quite certain that had the afternoon been fine, the crowds would have been at least four times the size. As it was, the people stood through the showers for an hour and three-quarters, and all the while were absolutely good humoured and sympathetic. All but a very small sprinkling of individuals were thoroughly at one with us in our demand. One man at my platform tried to be tiresome, but the great body of the crowd refused to respond to his sallies.

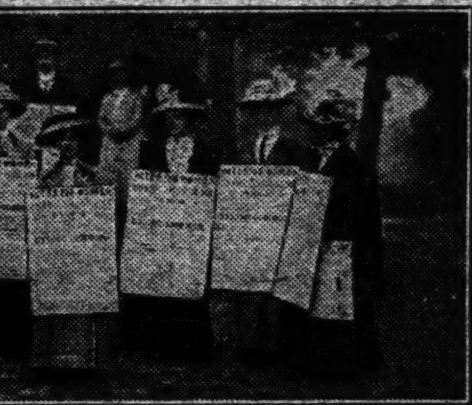
From Mrs. Drummond's platform we could hear the sound of laughter wafted across to us. It turned out that a man, who was wearily and unsuccessfully trying to sell copies of the *Anti-Suffrage Review*, had put into her hand a leaflet by Lord Cromer, giving fifteen Anti-Suffrage reasons why women should not vote. Mrs. Drummond was replying to these in her own humorous way, and the crowd was responding with roars of merriment. She carried the votes for women resolution at her platform without a single dissenter. The rest of us were not quite so fortunate, for though we also carried the resolution, some four or five hands were raised against it.

We came away wishing that Ealing had had better luck in the matter of weather, but feeling that they had done themselves and the W.S.P.U. very great credit all the same. Mrs. Finlay and her helpers are to be highly congratulated on their work.

At Wimbledon.

My hopes were running very high for "Women's Sunday in Wimbledon" next day, because I knew that the Wimbledon, South Wimbledon, Kingston, Fulham and Putney local unions were all responsible for its success, and that Clapham and Streatham were also lending their aid. I knew something of the work that had been done for this demonstration, how little South Wimbledon had held three open-air meetings a week and several cycle parades for some time past. I knew that Kingston had also been poster-parading and working in other ways, and that they had boats on the river with banners announce-

ing "Women's Sunday." I knew that the Wimbledon Union had been chalking and holding meetings and parading, and that on Bank Holiday they had had an umbrella and poster parade, and had been cruelly stoned by a gang of irresponsible boy scouts. Though things of this latter kind are hard to bear, they always arouse the best of the public to rally in support of those who have had to suffer them.



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A Poster Parade at Ealing.

meetings, and I knew that even those who could not be present would realise by those signs that the suffragettes were busily at work. There was quite a crowd on the Ealing platform, and as I stepped out of the train I heard people say: "There's another—*a Suffragette!*"

Outside the station I found a band of our Ealing comrades wearing purple white and green sandwich posters announcing the afternoon demonstration. They had been zealously parading their neighbourhood for weeks past, and proudly told me that last week their Ealing parades had numbered nearly twice as many women as those in the city.

But, alas! the sky, which had been overcast all day, was now lowering heavily, and all at once the rain came pouring down. There was yet nearly half an hour before the meeting was to begin, and we took shelter in the station, hoping against hope. Our party kept growing as each train came in, and at twenty minutes past five we were to begin at half-past—the rain almost stopped. At once the poster-bedecked ladies started marching off in line along the road towards the common, and the rest of us followed on the pavement.

From afar off we saw the purple white and green flags flying and a number of ladies with umbrellas in the colours walking about. The people were waiting in crowds for us under the chestnut trees that fringe the common.

It was raining again by now—it was to be an afternoon of showers—but as this

showers was not a very heavy one, and as the people seemed willing, we began to speak.

Owing to certain peculiar local conditions, our four platforms were not put up simultaneously, but they grew up, as it were, one by one. First Miss Elsa Myers began to speak from one platform, but already there were far too many people for her voice to reach more than a section, and when, two or three minutes afterwards, the next platform was occupied by Mrs. Dacre Fox, who took the chair for Mrs. Drummond, the majority were still beyond the hearing line. Even when the four platforms were occupied, as they were very shortly, there were still large numbers of people who could not hear, but we had no more platforms to fall back upon.

Miss Elsa Myers, after she had made her first speech, began again from a carriage which was standing on the narrow path that intersects the common. At once an immense crowd gathered round her, but the pathway was obstructed, and the police intervened.

It was a great day, a glorious demonstration. As for the exact number of those present I was, for my part, so happy to see them and to feel their sympathy for our cause that I never thought of trying to form an estimate. I know that the crowds were not so great as those at our two biggest Hyde Park demonstrations, but this Wimbledon meeting is easily the third in size that I have seen in London. Some of our friends estimated the number of people at fifteen thousand; others, again, thought there were twenty thousand persons present. The very lowest estimate was 12,000, but it is difficult to say precisely, for crowds assembled on a great open common naturally tend to appear smaller than if packed into an enclosed park. The people were massed very tightly around the small platforms on which we stood, and they pressed so close to them, that as I sat on the edge of my platform, after I had finished speaking, I was quite unpleasantly crushed by the constant pressure. For this reason anyone not actually on the platforms would hardly realise how very large was the number of people that surrounded them.

Miss Lee, who, through too much chalking and cycle parading, has broken a ligament in her thigh, and who, though the doctor had ordered her ten days' rest, sat in the Press cart at the edge of the common, because she could not bear to miss "Women's Sunday," tells us that for two whole hours a wide stream of people poured ceaselessly on to the ground.

As for the temper of the multitude, it was all that could be desired. There were some interruptions, as is true, but they were neither unduly persistent nor annoying in any way. The main body of each crowd was seriously attentive and sympathetic, and the resolution calling for first division treatment for the suffragist prisoners, demanding votes for women in 1912, and repudiating any proposal to extend the franchise unless it should include political equality for men and women, was carried by a large majority at every platform.

As we drove away at eight o'clock (the demonstration began at six) great masses of people lined up to see us go. Women cheered us and waved their handkerchiefs, men cheered us, and though a few youths preferred to groan, they only added a touch of typical London humour and variety, and we knew by their smiling faces, that even they bore us no ill-will.

All the workers, including Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Mrs. Scarborough, Mrs. Dacre Fox, and our American sister in the cause, Miss Zelia Emerson, who worked so hard in the last days, may congratulate themselves on the triumphant success of the Wimbledon Common gathering.

So Ealing and Wimbledon have started the campaign. Regent's Park follows next Sunday, June 9, and other demonstrations are announced below.

The great culminating point of the series will be a joint demonstration in Hyde Park on July 14, Mrs. Pankhurst's birthday, and the anniversary of the fall of the Bastille. This will be organised by all the London Local Unions. The New Con-

stitutional Society for Woman's Suffrage, the Women's Tax Resistance League, the Men's Political Union, the Independent Labour Party, and other societies have agreed to co-operate.

E. SYLVIA PANKHURST.



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COMING DEMONSTRATIONS

(For Addresses of the Hon. Secretaries of the various local Unions please refer to page 580. Members are reminded that the success of these demonstrations depends on their united efforts.)

Regent's Park, Sunday, June 9, 4 p.m.

This demonstration is being organised by Paddington, N.W. London, Hampstead, and Islington Unions. The platforms will be in the field beside the middle of the Broad Walk, seven minutes from the Portland Road Metropolitan Station. The speakers will include Miss Annie Kenney, Mrs. Drummond, Miss Georgina Brackenbury, Mr. Laurence Housman, Mrs. Mansel, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, and others. The Unions are hard at work, and as an example of what is being done we may refer to advertisements in the local Press, poster parades, a decorated wagonette, street corner meetings, the distribution of thousands of handbills, posters shown by the railway companies, and a canvass of local shops and private residences with a view to the showing of window bills.

Blackheath, Sunday, June 16, 6.30 p.m.

This demonstration is being organised by the Greenwich, Deptford, and Woolwich W.S.P.U. Arrangements are complete. Names of those able to assist in any way should be sent in to the Hon. Secretary without delay. There are 30,000 handbills to be distributed; poster parades to be taken part in; meetings need speakers, and paper sellers. The speakers will include Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mrs. Drummond, and others.

Gladstone Park, Sunday, June 23, 5.30 p.m.

(Nearest station, Dollis Hill, Metropolitan; trams and omnibuses pass close by.)

This demonstration is being organised by Paddington, N.W. London, and Hampstead local Unions. There will be a procession, starting from 215, High Road, Kilburn, at 5.30 p.m., with bands, banners, and decorated brakes for those who cannot walk (the distance is something under two miles). The pitch will be at the Speakers' Tree, and there will be six platforms. Members of the N.W. London W.S.P.U. are urged to send in their names at once for the procession, and to book seats in the brakes immediately if required. Volunteers are wanted for the poster parades to-morrow (Saturday), and Saturday, June 23, at 3 p.m., for the distribution of handbills, for secretarial and other indoor work, and for the meetings in halls and drawing-rooms which in preparation for the 23rd have been arranged, and for selling Votes for Women. Members of other Unions are invited to help to swell the procession, and to bring their banners and flags.

Dulwich local Union is organising a demonstration on Peckham Rye on Sunday, June 30, and there will be one on July 7 on Clapham Common.



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A Portion of the Crowd at Wimbledon.

THE LATEST WORD IN FOOD REFORM

April 17 to May 2.

Alfred Ackland	\$11,642 10 5
Miss F. A. Degen (sale of Amethyst brooch)	2 2 0
Chain and Pendant (given at Albert Hall)	2 2 0
Commander E. Dugdale	3 0 0
Brackenbury Trio	15 0 0
Dr. Garrett Anderson	100 0 0
Miss C. A. Hamilton	1 0 0
Miss K. Keogh	0 2 6
Miss Juliette Heale	4 0 0
Mrs. Mary Knight	1 1 0
Mrs. Grace Knight	1 1 0
Mrs. Alice Knight	30 0 0
Mrs. Allen (per Mrs. Sibella Jones)	1 0 0
A. P. M.	0 1 0
Mrs. Elsie Bartlett	0 5 0
E. B. D.	0 5 0
Mrs. E. B. Snowden	25 0 0
Mrs. Zelia P. Emerson	0 1 0
Mrs. Fannie Agutter	2 2 0
Mrs. Archibald Jack	5 0 0

Miss Gibson (per)...	0 10 0
Extra on (V. W.)	3 2 0
Anon.....	0 4 6
Mr. Gillies (Org. Fund).....	0 4 0
Miss R. A. Anderson.....	0 5 0
<i>Per Miss D. Evans—</i>	
Miss Browne.....	0 10 0
Birmingham Mem- ber (National).....	2 2 0
Miss Taylor.....	0 2 6
<i>Per Miss E. Grew</i>	
Anon.....	0 10 0
J. F. Grew, Esq.	0 5 0
Miss Fagan.....	0 2 6
Miss E. Grew (trav. exps).....	0 16 0
Advertisement.....	4 5 0
.....	0 2 0
Miss Nixon.....	0 1 0
<i>Per Mrs. Mansel—</i>	
Shop sales.....	0 15 7
Library profits.....	0 1 0
Miss C. M. Strang- ways.....	0 10 0
<i>Per Miss C. Markwick—</i>	
Profit on Literature	0 2 5
Miss Glover.....	0 10 0
<i>Per Miss F. Parkes—</i>	
Women's Freedom League.....	0 5 0
Miss Soga (sale of marmalade).....	0 19 0
Miss Gullan's per- formance (proceeds)	13 15 8
A protest against Jorgible lecture.....	1 0 0
Telephone call.....	0 0 1
<i>Per Miss Fraser Smith—</i>	
Office sales.....	1 14 0
<i>Per Miss F. Ward—</i>	
Rev. William Riley.....	0 1 0

AN UNBROKEN FRONT.

Mabel Tuke.

Alfred Ackland	\$11,642 10 5
Miss F. A. Degen (sale of Amethyst brooch)	2 2 0
Chain and Pendant (given at Albert Hall)	2 2 0
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Mrs. Zelia P. Emerson	0 1 0
Mrs. Fannie Agutter	2 2 0
Mrs. Archibald Jack	5 0 0

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weekly during Miss		
Neave's imprison ..	0	1 0
Mrs. T. B. Hazard ..	5	0 0
Miss Henry ..	2	0 0
Mrs. Annie Heine ..	0	10 0
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Ayrton) ..	500	0
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tress ..	1	1 0
Donald Cameron-Swan,		
Esq.	0	10 0
Master Duncan Camer-		
on-Swan ..	0	1 0
Dr. J. delaine Roberts ..	5	0 0
Mrs. J. B. Rogers ..	0	5 0
Miss C. H. Müller ..	0	5 0
Miss Harriet C. New-		
comb ..	7	0 0
Miss A. E. Parsons ..	1	10 0
Mrs. Geo. Roberts ..	0	0 6
Nurse Peck ..	0	2 0
Miss M. Whealen ..	0	3 0
Miss M. Gairdair ..	1	0 0
Mrs. Pankhurst ..	10	0 0
Collected (towards Re-		
ception expenses) ..	24	9 5
Miss L. Durham (do.) ..	0	2 6
Lady Constance Lytton		
(do.) ..	0	5 0
A. H. Pigot, Esq. (do.) ..	0	2 6
Dr. Mary C. Murdoch ..	1	10 0
Rev. C. W. Weston ..	0	2 6
The Misses Millett ..	2	2 0
Miss Hetty Lawes ..	0	2 6
Mrs. Saville Parker ..	5	3 0
Miss Amy Talbot ..	0	5 0
Miss E. V. Talbot ..	0	5 0
Mrs. Löwy ..	50	0 0

Prisoners in E. Ward,	
Hollaway	60 0 0
Miss Ruth Taylor	0 2 0
Mrs. Standish Smith-	
wick	5 0 0
Anon.	0 10 0
Mrs. Ellen Beck	20 0 0
Mrs. de Montfichet	
Johnes	3 0 0
Dr. Alice M. Corbison	2 2 0
Mrs. Douglas Hamilton	200 0 0
Miss Edith	20 0 0
Mrs. A. C. Nicholls	0 2 6
Miss N. C. Waudby	0 1 0
Mrs. E. C. Lawrence	1 1 0
Mrs. Nesbit (earned in prison)	0 0 8
Miss Mary Carlyn (do.)	0 0 8
Miss Katherine Grey	
(do.)	0 0 8
(do.)	0 0 2
Mrs. Annie Swan	0 0 8
Miss Wyatt	0 0 8
Miss Nina Lowy	2 2 0
Mrs. Kate Pullen	2 2 0
Mrs. F. E. Smith	1 1 0
Mrs. L. Gilchrist	
Thompson	1 13 8
E. G. Nichols	1 0 0
Geo. E. Boxall, Esq.	1 0 0
Miss Marion F. Arbor	0 0 8
Albert Hall (extra)	1 1 0
A protest against the harsh treatment of	

the women in prison	5	0	0
Thurs. Evans	0	0	4
Miss F. J. Glenister	0	11	0
Miss M. Forsyth	0	5	0
Miss Alice Heal	3	0	0
Miss S. Bulan	1	0	0
Mrs. Edith Gou	0	2	0
Miss Maud Hollingsworth	0	10	0
Miss Eleanor Barnes	6	5	0
Miss Gray Allen	10	0	0
Miss Evelyn Churchill	1	10	0
Miss E. Hewitt	0	10	0
Miss Ellen Crook	0	5	0
Mrs. and Miss Ethel Ashby	0	10	0
Miss Kate Bromley	0	2	6
South Africa	0	2	6
	500	0	0
J. H. Petibick, Esq.	5	8	0
Miss Clara E. Mordan	200	0	0
Mrs. Margaret Williams	2	0	0
(trans. sub.)	0	10	0
X. Ward Prisoners, coll.	0	10	0
Mrs. C. E. Lehman (D.X. Ward)	5	0	0
Miss Mary Carolyn (do.)	0	2	6
Miss V. Simmons (do.)	0	1	0
Miss Kathleen Jarvis (do.)	0	5	0

Mr. L. Ainsworth—		
Sale of Picture	0	10 0
Mrs. Gibson	0	5 0
Mrs. Dover	0	2 6
Miss L. Ainsworth		
(trav. exps.)	0	5 0
Anon.	0	2 6
Mrs. Atkinson	2	0 0
Counting	0	5 0
Mrs. Cooper	0	2 0
Mr. M. Allen—		
Mrs. Pilcher	0	1 0
Mrs. Newsum	0	5 0
Mrs. Tudor	0	5 0
The Misses Lovell ...	0	2 0
Lieut. Cather	0	5 7
Mrs. Browning	0	3 0
Mr. M. Allen—		
Teas	1	19 4
Anon.	0	5 0
Mrs. Bourne	0	2 6
Mrs. Heckels	0	15 0
Miss Barnes	0	5 0
Anon.	0	5 0
Mrs. Allen	0	5 0
Mrs. Kirk Bullock ...	0	2 6
Mrs. Harrison	1	0 0
Miss S. Jones	2	2 0
Miss Stewart	2	10 0
Miss Worter	1	0 0
Mrs. Pope	0	1 0
Mr. M. A. Barrett—		
Miss E. Howell	0	10 6
Miss L. Burns		
Miss J. P. Begg	1	1 0
Miss Lucy Burns, B.A.	0	0 0

Miss Gibson (per)...	0 10 0
Extra on (V. W.)	3 2 0
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Shop sales.....	0 15 7
Library profits.....	0 1 0
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Office sales.....	1 14 0
<i>Per Miss F. Ward—</i>	
Rev. William Riley	0 1 0

Mrs. Edith Garrud ..	0 1 6
Mrs. K. G. Jameson ..	0 5 0
Miss E. L. Anderson ..	0 5 0
Miss Lillian Bruce	0 8 0
Miss A. C. Read	0 8 0
Mrs. Beatrice Sanders	1 0 0
Misses Edith and Ellen Beck	5 0 0
"An Oxford Undergraduate"	0 10 0
Mrs. Skene	0 10 0
Miss F. Longbottom ...	0 10 0
Mrs. L. Pilsbury	1 0 0
Miss E. Barnett	1 0 0
Anon.	0 2 0
Mrs. Mary S. Burman (by making bows) ...	0 3 0
Mrs. Gyde (per Mrs. M. S. Burman)	0 2 6
Mrs. and Miss K. Emery (do.)	0 2 6
Miss Hester Burman (do.)	0 1 0
Nurse Short (do.)	0 1 0
Mrs. Rothwell	0 1 0
Per Miss L. Ainsworth—	
Mrs. Shotton	6 6 2
Mrs. N. Balle	0 4 0
Per Miss L. Burns—	
Mrs. May	0 4 0
Mrs. Whistler	0 5 0
Miss Macgregor	0 5 0
Per Miss D. Egan—	
Mrs. Cond	5 1
Miss Beck	0 8 0
Mrs. Bennett	6 13 0

Per Miss L. Parker ..	0	3	0
A Synthesiser ..	0	2	6
A Well-wisher ..	0	2	6
Miss L. Alexander ..	0	4	0
Work sold ..	0	4	0
A. R. Couper, Esq. ..	0	3	6
Miss Methven ..	1	5	0
Miss E. R. McDonald ..	0	2	6
Miss Martin ..	0	2	6
Miss Jane Thompson ..	1	1	0
Miss M. McIntyre ..	0	2	0
Per Miss A. Williams ..			
Whist-Drive (profit)	2	0	0
Hat and books ..	0	0	8
Extra on "V.I.W." ..	0	0	4
Jumble sale ..	0	7	6
Miss G. Holroyd ..	0	0	0
A Friend ..	0	0	0
Mrs. Dickens ..	0	5	0
Mrs. H. G. Whitten ..	0	5	0
Misses B. and L. Tucker ..	0	1	5

Miss A. Williams	0	2	30
(ret'd. fare)			
Collecting Cards—			
Mrs. Hattie Houder	0	9	0
Mrs. E. Gibbs	1	0	0
Mrs. E. G. Elworthy	1	5	0
Miss L. Chapman	0	14	0
Miss Alice Estall	1	1	0
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Mrs. F. M. Wells	0	4	6
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THE MORALITY OF "SPEAKING OUT."

By Christopher St. John.

The announcement that Mr. Bernard Shaw's "immoral" play, "Mrs. Warren's Profession," is to be performed by the Pioneer Players on Sunday evening, June 16, and on Tuesday afternoon, June 18, ought to be profoundly interesting to all Suffragists, for they have not had an opportunity during the years that have witnessed their tremendous growth as a corporate body of seeing a play that has dealt with anything like the same honesty with a question which is very near the hearts of all women fighting the battle for civic freedom.

"Are you sure you are right to tell us?" Vivie Warren is asked by the correct, conventional, gentlemanly Praed, when she mentions her mother's life, and reproaches him for not having been more frank with her about it. Listen to Vivie's answer:—

I am sure that if I had the courage I should spend the rest of my life in telling it to everybody—in stamping and branding it into them until they felt their share of its shame and horror as I feel mine. There is nothing I despise more than the wicked conventional morality that protects those things by forbidding a woman to mention them.

When "Mrs. Warren's Profession" was first produced in London, ten years ago, in a hole and corner way at the Lyric Club, after having been refused a licence by the Censor, the "wicked, conventional morality" referred to was far more tyrannous than now. I have no hesitation in saying that the Suffrage movement, and in particular the militant Suffrage movement which has bravely fought all wicked conventions about womanliness, is responsible for the clearer insight into true morality that now obtains among women who think at all.

Readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN may be interested to hear that when "Mrs. Warren's Profession" was produced in New York, in 1905, and was the object of municipal interference and a police prosecution, the hubbub of hostile voices was a hubbub of men's voices. Miss Mary Shaw, who was playing Mrs. Warren, was very much struck by this, and thought it would be reasonable to attempt to find out what women thought about it. "I decided," she said in recounting her experiences afterwards, "to lay the case before them, and to ask for their co-operation."

I wish it to be known, that to the great credit of women throughout the country, I was cordially welcomed by the best class of organised women in every community I visited. In spite of the insulting nature of the criticisms of the play in the Press, in spite of the scandalous misrepresentations of its moral aim that had appeared everywhere, in every case a vote was taken from these organised women to visit the theatre, see the play, and form an independent judgment of it. This was to me a splendid example of the courage and fine judgment of American women. I always made it my duty to learn their verdict, and of the many hundreds of women I interviewed, I never talked with one who was shocked by "Mrs. Warren's Profession." On the other hand, it was most unusual to find a man who was not shocked by it.

How is this to be explained? Is it because women are less sensitive to indecency and immorality than men? Surely not! I think myself that the women were shocked, but in the right way; shocked not because the play had been written and acted, but because the awful fact in society, with which it deals, exists, unrebuked and unreformed. They felt that the howl of indignation should have been raised against the fact, not against its true, unromantic presentation by Mr. Bernard Shaw.

Why all this fuss and commotion about this particular play? Why have some members of the Pioneer Players' Society resigned as a protest against its being performed? Is it because Mrs. Warren belongs to the "underworld," and frankly gives her reasons for having adopted her ghastly trade? There have been many plays before "Mrs. Warren's Profession" with heroines of her type, but they have always been treated romantically. Efforts have been made by dramatists to render them attractive and sympathetic. And from this point of view they may be counted far more subversive of morality than poor, truthful Mrs. Warren, accepting standards of society as they are, blurring out the awful knowledge of human nature at its worst that her life and position have enabled her to gain.

Against Mrs. Warren, Mr. Shaw sets her daughter Vivie, a good type of modern girlhood, high-minded, finely educated, on fire with the conviction that social standards of morality are often at war with true virtue. But when the play was acted in America, Vivie's opinions were not quoted in the Press. They might have given away the fact that "Mrs. Warren's Profession" is a highly moral play!

"THE HITHERTOS."

Those of us who heard Mr. Israel Zangwill's speech at the Albert Hall on that historic occasion, March 28, 1912, will not easily forget the delightful moment when he invented the Hithertos and the Henceforwards: the one a lost race, "dead but not departed," the other—ourselves! The speech, so full of weighty argument, clothed as only Mr. Zangwill could clothe it with rarest humour, has now been printed. The words with which the pamphlet closes are as applicable to-day as they were two months ago:—

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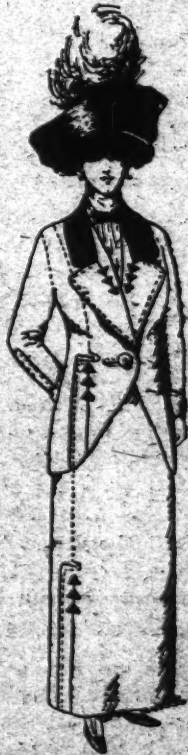
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"METHODS OF VIOLENCE."

Women are essentially moral beings. In asking them to adopt a political policy, it is not enough to convince them that that policy is expedient and effective. They must also be convinced that it is morally right. Unless their conscience approves, women will not use militant methods, however likely they may think them to be successful. We are glad of this. The militancy done with moral fervour, out of a sense of supreme duty, is the militancy that triumphs. The questions that we now propose to consider are these. Can violence ever be right? If so, is it right when done in vindication of women's claim to the Vote?

In answering these questions we address ourselves not to Tolstoyans or Quakers, whose views on the subject of violence are exceptional, but to the average man and woman. We challenge them to deny that the use of violence is sometimes an imperative duty and is often still both justified and even worthy of praise. A woman in defence of her honour, a mother for the protection of her child, may certainly use violence, and only a coward would refrain from it.

Again, the mass of people believe that violence may be rightly used to repel an invading army, and no matter what theories we may hold, there are very few of us who would see our country overwhelmed and its independence taken away, without doing our share of violent physical resistance to the enemy.

We none of us really believe in peace at any price. If it merely covers up subjection, if it is maintained only by submitting to a despotism, we think peace loathsome.

We militants at any rate have a passionate admiration for the struggle for Italian freedom. Garibaldi and Mazzini we regard as heroes. Constitutional Suffragists, of course, believe that Mazzini and Garibaldi ought to have relied upon moral and not upon physical force for the liberation of their country. We say that if they had done so Italy would never have been free. We know with what bitter and contemptuous jibes Garibaldi would have rejected the advice to trust to "constitutional" methods; what Mazzini, saint and soldier, would have said, we also know. We have his words:—

"War is the eternal law that stands between the master and the slave who breaks his chains."
Not gentleness and reason, not argument, not persuasion, but war—that is the language that the master, or the oppressing nation, or, we would add, the Cabinet Minister understands. Again Mazzini said of war that it is "sacred as peace when the triumph of good is to be its issue."

Now Woman Suffrage is not an international matter; it is a civil matter. It is not a case of one nation being held in bondage by another nation. It is a case of one sex being held in bondage by the other sex. It is not the freeing of Italy that is in question; it is the freeing of women. Yet the principle at stake is the same. Just as Italy was kept down by the strong hand, so women are kept in subjection by the strong hand. Provided there is no active and effective challenge of the political

supremacy of the other sex, the fact is hidden, but let that challenge be offered, and at once the physical force measures at the disposal of the State are brought into play. In proof of this we point to the imprisonment of many hundreds of women petition-bearers on their way to the House of Commons.

We have said that whether the domination complained of be that of a nation by a nation, or a sex by a sex, the principle at stake is the same, and by that we mean that just as active resistance to that domination is needed in the one case, so it is needed in the other.

Constitutional Suffragists deny this. They say that gentleness and reason are supreme in the world to-day, and that moral force alone is enough to overthrow a despotism based on force. They declare it to be an amazing thing that at a time when civilised men are discarding the weapon of violence, women should be taking to its use. Their whole train of reasoning is based upon a prodigious fallacy. It is very true, and most happily true, that as between equals reason instead of force is holding even stronger sway—witness the disappearance of duelling—once equalise the position of men and women, and the very memory of domination based on force and resistance to that domination made by force will quickly fade away. But as long as there exists political enslavement either of men by men or of women by men, then no matter how old the world may be, and no matter how advanced civilisation has become, force will be the basis of that enslavement, and to reason or persuade it away will be about as feasible as melting the heart of a tiger!

Apply this policy of reason and persuasion to the touchstone of common sense! Does anybody really suppose that Mr. Asquith will ever give Votes to Women in response to any appeal to his moral sense or to his higher nature? As easily would the Israelites have softened Pharaoh's heart without the Plagues, as would Suffragists without militancy soften that of Mr. Asquith! As to the younger generation of politicians, destined in course of time to stand in Mr. Asquith's place, they are no more amenable than he is to the influences of gentleness and reason. The Winston Churchills, the Herbert Samuels, the C. F. G. Mastermans, are no improvement whatever upon Mr. Asquith. If any politicians exist upon whom gentleness and reason and appeals to moral forces will produce an effect, they are still in the cradle! We rather hope that women, by dint of pestering and militancy, will have got the Vote before these infants reach maturity and occupy a seat in the Cabinet.

We shall be told that our appeal is not to the Government alone, and that we can enlist as allies the help of the electors, who, by their votes, can compel the Government to act. Unfortunately it has always been and remains true that "Who would be free himself must strike the blow." The male elector, richly endowed though he be with political power, is not (perhaps for want of the aid that women could supply) over skilful in getting his own wants fulfilled. Moreover, as we have often found, after we have by prodigious efforts roused him from his apathy, he can at the critical moment be detached from our army by some tempting and artful offer of another measure that he covets. But our most crushing reply to this particular argument is yet to come. It is this. Men are never so ready to help women as when they discover them to be ready and able to help themselves. The militant methods, the moral and physical daring shown by women in these last six years, have awakened in men impulses of real chivalry, and feelings of human sympathy and respect that were unknown to them before. It is since militant methods began that men have risked physical injury, have sacrificed their careers, have gone to prison for the sake of Votes for Women.

We claim that militant methods have been good for the souls of women, too. They have swept away the evils of "ladyism," of timid gentility, of early Victorian effeminacy as distinct from womanliness.

Militant methods are an assertion of the principle that in the great affairs of life, when freedom is at stake, when honour is at stake, there is one common standard of conduct for men and women alike. What a man may do to defend his honour a woman may do to defend hers, and what a man may do to win his freedom a woman may do to win hers.

We call upon our critics to look the truth full in the face, and then to tell us what there is that offends them in the violence we have done. The use of force is in itself neither good nor bad, neither right nor wrong. Everything depends upon the reason and purpose of its use. Force, when it rivets oppression, is hideous, but if we are to wipe out as shameful all record of forcible resistance to unjust authority, history will become a much poorer thing.

EMMELINE PETHICK LAWRENCE.

Nine months' imprisonment! By this sentence the powers that be have deprived the community of the personal presence of a noble woman, and the Women's Social and Political Union of one of its revered Leaders. But because you cannot imprison a spirit or crush an idea, the real object of the Government in taking this course has already failed, and the fact that the body of Emmeline Pethick Lawrence is shut up within prison walls carries with it the assurance that her spirit will continue to be reflected in the hearts of women and her ideas to be generated afresh in their lives. So far, therefore, as the Movement is concerned, a fresh impetus has been given to its progress. But the community suffers irreparable loss, for Emmeline Pethick Lawrence has much to give of what the world stands in dire need; and to deprive the world of the visible presence of this woman is to deprive it of that necessary sustenance which it derives from all great and good men and women.

It is not possible to plumb the whole depth of the nature of Emmeline Pethick Lawrence, still less to give to the world in words a full picture of her personality; but it is possible to tell something of her essential characteristics. Planted deep down in the soul of this woman is the spiritual consciousness of the direction of a Higher Power, guiding and controlling her destiny. This same consciousness has been felt and recognised in various forms by all the great reformers and teachers of the world. It came to the Hebrew Prophets of old, to the Eastern sages, to the early Christian Martyrs, to men like Socrates, Simon de Montfort, Abraham Lincoln, Cromwell, to women like Joan of Arc. Coupled with this spiritual consciousness of the direction of a Higher Power is an innate sense of right and wrong which judges, and refuses to be judged by, the conventional standards of conduct which have been set up by the world around. Mazzini, the great Italian Reformer, possessed such an innate sense; so did Savonarola; so did Elizabeth Fry, Josephine Butler, Florence Nightingale. Those who are brought into intimate contact with men and women possessing this innate sense can accept or reject the standard which they set up, but they cannot argue with it because its foundations are deeper and more elemental than the shafts of argument can reach.

Another of the fundamental characteristics of Emmeline Pethick Lawrence is her passionate recognition of the unity of the human race. This is with her no intellectual assertion; it is an integral part of her attitude towards life. When Christ said, "For as much as ye have done it unto these My brethren ye have done it unto Me," He was not merely setting up a standard by which actions of human beings could be evaluated. He was expressing His inmost feeling. And men and women who love their fellows share with their great Master this consciousness of human unity. It has been expressed in the words of Lowell:—

"True Freedom is to share
All the chains our brothers wear."

All through her life Emmeline Pethick Lawrence has been deeply conscious of this feeling of human unity, not merely in those of her intimate circle (as is the case with most men and women), but also in those in different spheres of life, in different countries and in different classes. And this feeling has not been merely a sentimental emotion, but has expressed itself in the channel of action, as will be seen from the account of her life. Particularly has this consciousness of human unity been felt and practised where women are concerned. It is almost as though other women were not separate beings, but part of her own wider self. When they suffer, she suffers with them; when they are humiliated, she feels their humiliation in her own person. And when they secure, through sacrifice and conflict, their true heritage, she will be rich in their possession.

But in order to comprehend the personality and influence of Emmeline Pethick Lawrence, it is not enough to know the great spiritual and moral currents of her nature; it is necessary to realise that in addition to these, and acting in absolute harmony with them, she possesses a strong sense of proportion, whereby she is able unerringly to choose the greater as against the less, and to form on each practical question as it arises an essentially sane and wise judgment. Those who have been brought into frequent contact with her cannot fail to have noticed that often when a question has been discussed at length by other members of the company, she will enter the discussion to carry it on to a higher plane, and to show conclusively on more important grounds than had been hitherto considered what the ultimate decision should be. It is through lack of this sense of proportion or perspective that many men and women fail to take that place in the community which their other great and noble qualities would seem to indicate; and it is because Mrs. Lawrence

possesses this gift highly developed that she has become a leader of men and women.

In turning over the pages of Mrs. Lawrence's life one is struck by the fact that she has not reached her present standpoint through any theoretical arguments or *a priori* considerations. She has come to it through her passionate love of individuals and her desire to help them. From the richness of her personal and social experience she has learnt the value and the necessity of political freedom.

Though Emmeline Pethick was born in Bristol she comes in reality, like her husband, from Cornish stock, her grandfather having migrated from Launceston to Bristol in the forties of last century, some twenty years after Mr. Lawrence's grandfather had made the longer migration from S. Agnes to the Metropolis. The name of Thomas Pethick is still remembered with respect in Bristol, while the house in Weston-super-Mare, where she spent her childhood, is still the home of her mother. Among the recollections of her young days are the happy years spent at a school under the direction of a Quaker family, for whom she has always had since a very deep affection. Other less happy memories are associated with another school where she was "put into Coventry" for a whole week for breaking the barbarous rule that a girl was not allowed to speak to one of the servants.

After school-days were over she spent a happy year in her home, but gradually, as she learnt more and more of the world, it was borne in upon her that there were women less fortunate than herself who needed her help. She offered herself to the West London Mission, which was then controlled by the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes and the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse; she was accepted, and for five years was a



Mrs. PETHICK LAWRENCE.

"sister" there. Of her various work and experience as "Sister Emmeline" a whole book might be written if space allowed. We will confine ourselves to one story.

She had been entrusted by the Mission Authorities with the work of reaching those women who have passed "outside the pale," and the cases that were most difficult and seemed most hopeless were given to her. One day she was sent to a police court to see if anything could be done with a girl, charged with the offence of solicitation, who was so haughty that she would suffer no one to approach her. It was not long before Sister Emmeline, by her simple friendship, had broken down the barrier of reserve and had learnt the tragic story. There were a little boy and aged mother to keep; work had been tried, but the mere pittance obtained had not been enough to keep the home together; at last the fatal step had been taken; the new trade won good food for the mother and health for the little boy; but the burning shame and dread lest her soul should be contaminated by the tragedy of her body brought with it a desolation of spirit that made her instinctively throw up her pitiful barrier of pride and haughtiness. Sister Emmeline went to the magistrate and promised to make herself personally responsible for the life of the other, and bit by bit she was able to straighten out the path. Since then the boy has grown up to be an honourable citizen. The mother has become a happy woman, and in her happiness she holds sacred the name of Sister Emmeline, who once saved her life, and whom to-day she counts among her friends.

After five years' work in the West London Mission, Sister Emmeline and her friend, Miss Neal (Sister Mary), determined to strike out in a new direction; leaving the Mission, they founded the West London Social Guild, including a club for working girls, known as the *Esperance Girls' Club*. They themselves lived in a working girl's flat, and spent on themselves only a working girl's wages. They inaugurated for the club an annual holiday at a time when summer holidays in the country for working girls and women were almost unknown. Realising,

too, that all social reform rests ultimately on an economic basis, they founded a co-operative dress-making establishment, with a minimum wage for women of 15s., and shorter hours than were worked elsewhere. The *Maison Esperance*, as it was called, flourished for some years, till its work having been accomplished, it was absorbed by another establishment. The girls' club is still in existence, and has between one and two hundred members. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence is now the president, and under the direction of Miss Neal the members of the club have been instrumental in bringing back the folk songs and dances of England to the town and country side.

In 1901 Sister Emmeline was married at Canning Town to Mr. Frederick Lawrence, who was then the principal proprietor of the *Echo* newspaper. Mrs. Lawrence, who had for some time past been coming more and more to realise that behind the social and economic needs of our civilisation lay political considerations, took a deep interest in the conduct of the paper. When the paper came to an end in 1905, she and her husband went together to South Africa, and it was while they were there that the first militant tactics of the W.S.P.U. were adopted, when Christabel Pankhurst and Annie Kenney refused to leave the Free Trade Hall at Manchester until their question to Sir Edward Grey had been answered.

Mrs. Lawrence had for many years been a member of a constitutional Suffrage society, but had felt the hope of success growing fainter with each succeeding year, because the driving force behind the movement was totally unequal to the task of carrying the reform. There were practically no meetings, and no agitation, and there was only a mere handful of members. Mrs. Lawrence determined to find out whether the new movement had in itself the germ of life. Shortly after her return to England she made the acquaintance of Mrs. Pankhurst, heard her story, and determined not merely to sympathise, but to act. She was under no illusion as to the magnitude of the task to which she had put her hand. She knew that it was not a question of giving her spare time and such of her energies as were not required for other occupations; she knew that it meant her whole time, her whole energy, her whole reputation. She decided to put all that she had at the back of the movement, to give herself completely to it. From that day forward the story of her life is intimately interwoven with the story of the Women's Social and Political Union. Her personality is one of the central pillars upon which the whole fabric has been built up. Every new departure in policy, in organisation, in personnel has been debated in advance by her in conjunction with the other leaders of the movement, and it is through the wisdom of their combined counsel that success has been attained. To the outer circle of the Union she is known in connection with the activities to which she has devoted her special attention—as Treasurer, as speaker, as co-editor of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, as the leader of some of the deputations, and as fellow-prisoner. So well is Mrs. Lawrence known in these capacities that scarcely any words need be said. Her success as Treasurer has almost become a proverb, but even in this it is only on one side of the Treasurer's work that public attention has been centred; the spending side has been almost forgotten. Yet it is here, at least equally with the other, that Mrs. Lawrence's special genius has been exhibited. To prevent all waste, to check all extravagant or unprofitable expenditure while giving out with a free hand for everything which is really worth while is at all times a thankless task, and while it is difficult in an ordinary business enterprise, where departmental profit and loss form a serviceable guide to action, it is far harder in a political enterprise, where no such means of gauging results are available. It is here that Mrs. Lawrence's wonderful sense of proportion has been of such incalculable value.

As a speaker she possesses the power of deeply moving and of completely convincing her audience. Though her special appeal is to women, there are a large number of men who have found her arguments and sound judgment capable of completely upsetting all their previous opinions. Apart from her work as co-editor of this paper she has contributed to it several signed articles of notable importance. In particular her articles, "Does a Man Support His Wife?" and "Do ut Des," have profoundly affected the trend of modern thought. In all her speeches and writings, as well as in her personal intercourse, the essential characteristic of Mrs. Lawrence is the human side of her, balanced by that spiritual outlook upon life to which we have already referred.

Mrs. Lawrence has twice taken the lead of deputations; once in February, 1909, when, owing to the exclusion of Votes for Women from the King's speech, she went at the head of a body of women to Westminster; and again in November last, when Mr. Lloyd George "torpedoed" the Conciliation Bill. For three months, from October to December, 1909, during the imprisonment of Mrs. Pankhurst and Christabel Pankhurst, the direction of the Movement was under her sole control. She is now in prison for the fifth time; she went for the first time in November, 1906, when her health broke down; then again for two months in the spring of 1909; again in November last, when, after serving ten days, she was let out on bail owing to the irregularity of her trial; again in March of the present year, when she was arrested for conspiracy and was refused bail; and now finally, for the fifth time, after sentence has been passed.

Truly may we repeat the words of a great statesman who said: "A prison is becoming, under the rule of the present Government, a temple of honour."



Mrs. MANSELL-MOULLIN.

(Beresford.)

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Mrs. Mansell-Moullin.

IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.



Miss ELIZABETH ROBINS.

(Henderson.)

We make an urgent appeal to members to remember that tickets can only be obtained through them, and that it is important that the general public should be brought to the meeting. Will they therefore hasten to buy tickets for themselves and their friends, as they are now selling rapidly?

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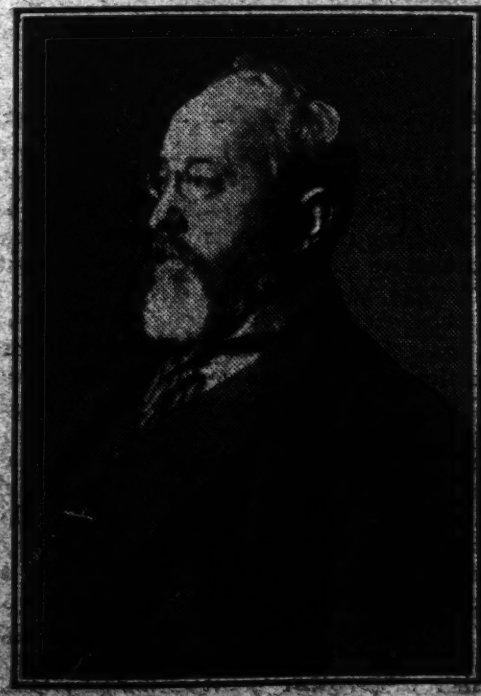
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Mr. T. HEALY, K.C., M.P.

(Barrell.)

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

HYTHE (AND FOLKESTONE).

Polling Day, Tuesday, June 11.

CANDIDATES.

Sir Phillip Sassoon (U).

Captain Macdonald (L).

W.S.P.U. Organiser: Miss F. E. Macanlay.
W.S.P.U. Headquarters: Traverra 30, Bedford
Road West, Folkestone.
Result in Dec., 1910—Sir Edward Sassoon (U) returned unopposed.

Owing to the death of Sir Edward Sassoon a vacancy is created in the constituency of Hythe. The Liberals have decided to fight, and the by-election is in full swing. Each candidate declares himself vaguely "in favour" of votes for women, but also refuses to pledge himself to any kind of definite support, and neither has mentioned the subject in his election address. The constituency includes, besides Hythe, the more recently developed town of Folkestone (with Cheriton), as well as Sandgate, the hamlet of Seabrook, and the village of Saltwood. The W.S.P.U. started the fray on Friday evening with a well attended meeting in the Fish Market, where a platform of planks and barrels had been erected for them by the men themselves. Lady Lumb made a most successful maiden open-air speech, and her appeal went home to the men and women there present who had evidently not realised the inner meaning of the woman's movement. After the meeting the women thanked the speakers, who told them that a women's meeting would be held in the vicinity shortly. Dinner-hour meetings are being arranged at the various works, and evening meetings at the following pitches: White Lion, Cheriton; Harbour Fountain, Black Bull Road, and Fish Market. The W.S.P.U. meetings have been most successful, especially in Cheriton, one of the chief Liberal districts in the constituency. Everywhere the speakers

ment, and by methods of repression and coercion to break the spirit of the agitators and stamp the movement out—a conspiracy which will not succeed, as it only strengthens the women in their determination to win political freedom for themselves and their sex.

Electors of Hythe, we ask you, at this election, to let the Government know that you do not support them in their Anti-Suffrage policy—that you condemn their action in imprisoning and torturing British women in their courageous struggle for their just rights; that you, as well as the women, call upon the Government to reverse its policy on this question, and introduce and carry through the House of Commons this Session a measure giving votes to women on the same terms as men.

You can do this on polling day by recording your vote against the Liberal candidate.

NORTH-WEST NORFOLK.

RESULTS.

Mr. E. G. Hammerde (L)..... 5,613

Mr. N. P. Jodrell (C)..... 4,965

Lib. Maj. 648

Result in Dec., 1910—Sir G. White (L), 5,407; Mr. N. P. Jodrell (C), 4,964; Maj. 1,143.

Another blow has been dealt to the Government by the reduction of the Liberal majority from 1,143 to 648. In this reduction the W.S.P.U. played an important part. This reduced majority is the more satisfactory when one remembers that N.W. Norfolk is the constituency of Joseph Arch, who was and still is worshipped by the agricultural labourer, that it has returned a Liberal member for the past twenty-seven years, and that the present majority is the smallest secured during those years.



Miss Georgina Brackenbury in N.W. Norfolk.

have had an excellent reception. Hearty thanks to Lady Lumb, Miss Emerson, the Misses Bishop and others for their most valuable help. The organiser will gladly welcome offers of help from suffragists, whether resident or visitors, who will find all kinds of useful work awaiting them.

A manifesto to the electors has been issued by the Women's Social and Political Union, in which it is pointed out that the great demand of women for political enfranchisement has been flouted by the Government again and again; that they have twice killed a woman suffrage Bill drafted by a committee of M.P.'s on non-party lines, and that the Prime Minister last November promised a Manhood Suffrage Bill, for which there was no demand, as an expedient for wrecking Woman Suffrage. After explaining the principle of Cabinet collective responsibility, the address proceeds:

The prosecution and imprisonment of the suffragist leaders as common criminals are a part of a conspiracy by the Government to wreck the woman suffrage move-

Our correspondent writes:—

The reception given to the W.S.P.U. speakers in Liberal strongholds like Gayton, Snettisham, Docking, and Creak (Labour), has been remarkable; and everywhere—in Liberal and Conservative villages alike—opinion seems almost unanimously in favour of Votes for Women. The enthusiasm shown by the women has been most encouraging, and this in small isolated villages where no Suffrage meetings have ever been held before. The campaign concluded with a most successful public meeting in St. James' Hall, King's Lynn, on the eve of the poll. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. W. Hayes, Vicar of All Saints and St. Michael's Churches, King's Lynn, and the speakers were Miss Georgina Brackenbury and Miss Evelyn Sharp. The hall, which holds about eleven hundred people, was packed, and a crowd which the police estimated at 700, was addressed outside by Miss Douglas Smith, Miss Kathleen Jarvis, and Miss Isabel Seymour, for over two hours.



W.S.P.U. Committee Rooms, at King's Lynn.

WOMEN LIBERALS AND THE VOTE

At the annual council meeting of the Women's Liberal Federation, which opened at the Queen's Hall last Tuesday, the question of Woman Suffrage was debated with considerable warmth. It came up more than once in the course of the day. Mrs. Eva McLaren, who presided in the absence of the Dowager Countess of Carlisle, remarked that they were living in exciting and excitable times in regard to this trouble. They all had their feelings on the subject, and there were degrees of opinion. They were, however, all agreed upon the principle. They should therefore throw their hearts into the one great and common cause, forgetting the personal aspect of the matter.

A Curious Resolution.

Mrs. Stewart Brown moved that it become a rule that all associations affiliated with the Federation should have as one of their objects the promotion of Woman Suffrage. In doing so she said that surely they had progressed during the past twenty years. No lady was going to continue merely to mark time and just keep the position they fought for and won in 1892. The position of Woman Suffrage was entirely different now from what it was then, for the question was now one of practical immediate politics.

Lady Bamford Slack seconded the motion, and commended the proposed rule as a method to set their house in order without any fear of secession. They were going forward with a united front; they were agreed in one camp.

The President, answering a question, said that the new rule, if carried, would not be made retrospective, but that no new association would be allowed to affiliate with the Federation unless it adopted Woman Suffrage as one of its objects.

It did not surprise suffragists in the gallery to hear one delegate ask at this point: "Can a Women's Liberal Association be a Women's Liberal Association if it does not endorse votes for women?" This was greeted with cries of "No," and the President remarked that the question was answered. It was, however, considered necessary to pass the resolution, and there were two or three hands raised against it.

The Reform Bill.

Three resolutions were put forward by the executive. The first, moved by Lady Bamford Slack, expressed

confidence in the Prime Minister's pledge that he will not sanction the introduction of any Government Bill dealing with the Parliamentary franchise that does not allow of an amendment in favour of women's suffrage.

Although there were found one or two delegates to object that this showed "want of confidence" in Mr. Asquith, the resolution was passed by an overwhelming majority.

The second was moved by Lady Aberconway, and ran as follows:

That this Council desires to express to the Labour party its gratitude for the effective support which they have given to the women's suffrage movement. This Council urges all Liberal members who are in favour of women's suffrage to give substantial support to the cause of women's enfranchisement by representing to the Prime Minister that no franchise bill will meet their approval which does not at its third reading contain a women's suffrage amendment. This Council declares its belief that this course Liberal members would secure without difficulty or danger to the party the insertion in the Government Reform Bill of a satisfactory amendment conferring the franchise on women.

Mrs. Conybeare, in seconding this, urged the necessity for putting Liberal principles before party; and it was passed with six or seven dissentients.

A Stronger Line.

The third resolution was proposed by Mrs. Heron Maxwell, and in supporting it Miss Balgarnie roused enthusiasm by saying that if the amendment to the Reform Bill were defeated no self-respecting woman could appear on a Liberal platform again, and that for her part she would immediately join the Labour Party. The Master of Ellbank, she declared, had produced this resolution. If he thought that in a maternal kind of way he was going to gather them around his knee, pat them on the head, tell them to be good little girls, and to expect to get everything from him, he was very much mistaken. They were grown women. They would no longer be content to be mere scaffolding poles and be discarded when work was done. They meant to be master builders of the destinies of this country. The resolution ran as follows:

This Council is of opinion that if the Government Reform Bill becomes law without the enfranchisement of women, the patience of Liberal women will be seriously overstrained, and it will become extremely difficult, and perhaps impossible, to sustain the present amicable relations between the members of the Women's Liberal Federation and the Liberal party.

After a hot debate it passed with only a few dissentients.

THE MANCHESTER GUARDIAN.

June 5.

Not for nothing have many Liberals played false and the Irish Nationalists struck a shrewd blow at women's suffrage. There exists no more loyal nor more patient body of Liberals than the Women's Liberal Federation, with its close on a thousand branches and its 130,000 members, yet yesterday's proceedings at the annual meeting of the Federation showed a new and quite unmistakable spirit of revolt. The notice paper was crowded

with protesting motions, and the Executive wisely realised the necessity of themselves introducing a series of stringent resolutions to express, and at the same time limit, the general indignation. These resolutions were three. The first adopted women's suffrage as henceforth an integral part of the policy of the Federation. No new association is to be admitted, which does not include women's suffrage among its objects. Thus for the first time the Federation adopts a policy—essentially Liberal, indeed, but not forming part of the official policy of the party. It asserts a life and line of action of its own, and the assertion may go further. The second resolution declared that no Franchise Bill could meet with the approval of the members of the Federation which did not include women's suffrage, and the third, to judge by the demonstrations of feeling in the meeting, was an extremely mild expression of an uncommonly energetic feeling. A significant feature of the meeting was the enthusiasm with which all references to the Labour Party and its action in regard to women's suffrage were received, and the ardour with which the thanks of the meeting were accorded to them. Now the declared intention of the Labour Party is that in case the promised Reform Bill should be carried through Committee without an amendment enfranchising some women, they will vote against its third reading. Obviously nothing less than this will suffice, and it would be well if Liberal suffragists were to make up their minds to the same effect. The Government ought to know betimes what is the feeling of their followers, so that they may take their measures accordingly. For a vast extension of the franchise to take place virtually settling the whole basis of the suffrage in something like its final, or universal, form, and for women still to be excluded—that, indeed, would be for them the supreme disaster, and it must be averted at all costs.

RUN TO EARTH!

It is uncertain whether Lord Haldane's recent visit to Germany was one of pleasure only, or had a deeper significance. In any case, as a member of the Cabinet, he is responsible for the treatment of the Woman Suffrage question, and it is fitting that he should be reminded of it. Therefore, while he was staying at Wetzlar, it "happened" that Miss Tyson lodged at the same hotel and that after dinner (a wise choice of time!) she met him in the hall and reminded him that women were in prison as a result of the Government's inaction. Lord Haldane protested that window-breaking must be punished, and when reminded that he himself had scoffed at "pin-pricks," he could only say, "But I didn't mean you to use pistols!" He held that the Conciliation Bill had a good majority until the last outbreak ruined its chances, which caused Miss Tyson to retort: "Lord Haldane, you don't believe that yourself; it would never have gone through in any case." His reply as to the chances of a Reform Bill being introduced was a shrug of the shoulders, and he concluded by stating that since the last militant action there was no majority in the Cabinet for Woman Suffrage. Miss Tyson has met with much sympathy and interest on her lecturing tour. She hopes to go again later, and would be glad to hear from those interested.

MR. BURNS ANGRY.

If there is one department in life in which women's work is needed it is surely that concerned with children, and yet at a meeting held in London on Tuesday last to amalgamate the various agencies combating infant mortality, the audience was addressed by a Cabinet Minister who has shown the utmost indifference, if not hostility, to the granting of citizenship to women. It was Mr. John Burns who spoke, and twice in the course of his speech he was reminded by a member of the W.S.P.U. that children would be better looked after and homes would be in a better condition if women had the vote. After the second interruption Mr. Burns got exceedingly angry, and repeatedly called on the stewards to throw out the interruptor; he then paused in his speech until she was out of the hall. Not long afterwards, however, Mrs. Russell also pointed out that if women had the vote they would be able to work better in this great campaign against infant mortality. She, too, was thrown out. Mr. Burns remarking, somewhat ineptly, "Wait until she is married, and she will know better." Other ladies also interrupted during the course of Mr. Burns' speech, so that he has good reason to know that the battle for the suffrage is being waged as fiercely as ever.

"BUSINESS AS USUAL."

No better phrase could have been found to describe the position of the W.S.P.U. during the absence of its leaders than the above apt title which the *Penny Illustrated Paper* has put under an excellent photograph of one of the W.S.P.U. speakers addressing a large crowd at the N.W. Norfolk by-election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Our Readers, especially members of the W.S.P.U., are again reminded that all communications intended for the W.S.P.U., should, in the absence of Mrs. Tuke, be addressed to Miss Kay, Secretary (pro tem.), W.S.P.U. Office, 4, Clement's Inn, W.C.

Prisoners' Secretary.

All enquiries with regard to prisoners should be addressed to Miss Olive Smith, W.S.P.U., 4, Clement's Inn, W.C.

Royal Albert Hall, Saturday, June 15.

Readers are asked to turn to pp. 579 and 586 for important announcements.

London Meetings.

Our readers will be glad to know that the speakers at the London Pavilion on Monday next, June 10, at 3.15 p.m., will be the Rev. Percy Dearmer, M.A., Oxon., D.D., and Miss Barbara Wylie, who was recently released from Aylesbury Prison. Mrs. Drummond will take the chair. Miss Evelyn Sharp and Miss Winifred Mayo will address the weekly meeting at the Steinaway Hall on Thursday, June 13, at 8 p.m. These meet-

ings are held weekly, and admission is free. Similar meetings are held in all centres where the Union is represented: see page 591.

Open-Air Demonstrations.

Full details will be found on page 581 and below. Helpers will be welcomed for all kinds of work.

The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

A new and charming postcard, with photographs of the three imprisoned leaders, is now on sale at the Woman's Press, price 2d. Our readers will be glad to know that Mr. Israel Zangwill's delightful speech at the Albert Hall on March 28 has now been published in pamphlet form, entitled "The Hitherto," price 1d. The speeches made by the leaders during the recent Trial for Conspiracy are now being reprinted in pamphlet form, and will, it is hoped, be ready for sale at the Albert Hall meeting. "Custodia Honesti: Treatment of Political Prisoners in Great Britain," by Professor George Sigerson, M.D., recently published in *Votes for Women*, is also being reprinted in pamphlet form, and will be ready shortly.

THE M.P.U. AT KENSINGTON.

The Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement organised a largely attended public meeting at the Kensington Town Hall on Wednesday in last week, when vigorous speeches were made. Mr. Victor Duval presided, and in opening the meeting said they were feeling sad that night because their leaders were behind prison bars. Why, he asked, had their leaders been condemned? Because they had exposed hypocrisy throughout the country.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst said they must now prepare even greater demonstrations than they had organised before. Let them keep the House of Commons under a hailstorm of resolutions and demands for votes for women in 1912. (Applause.) Dr. Brodie Patterson also spoke, and Mr. H. W. Nevinnson, in a stirring speech, proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Frank Rutter, and carried unanimously:

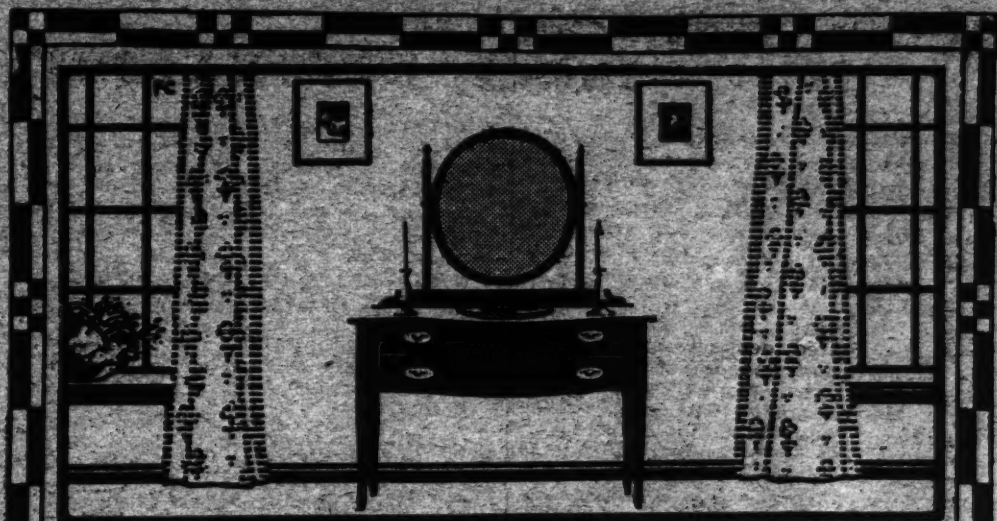
This meeting, taking into consideration the jury's unanimous admission of their pure motive, mostly amounting to an acquittal, calls upon the Government to effect the immediate release of Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence. The meeting further calls upon the Government to put an end to the need for militancy by introducing and passing into law, without delay, a Bill giving women equal franchise rights with men.

In addition to the Park Demonstrations, a great open-air campaign is taking place in London and many meetings are being held daily. Hundreds of meetings are needed, and at all of them the following resolution must be carried:—

That this meeting calls upon the Government to put an end to the militant Suffragette agitation by releasing the Suffragist prisoners and introducing and carrying through the House of Commons this Session a measure giving votes to women on the same terms as men. Further, the meeting demands that, pending the release of the Suffragist prisoners, they be recognised as political offenders and immediately transferred to the first division.

Speakers, chalkers, and workers of all kinds are urgently wanted; they are asked to send their names to Miss Pridden, 4, Clement's Inn. The following are the meetings for the next few days:

Fri., 7.15—Acre and St. Martin's Lane, 1 p.m.; Norfolk Street, Embankment, 3 p.m.; Sat., 8—Outside Kennington Theatre, 8 p.m.; Watworth Road (near Town Hall), 8 p.m.; Mon., 10—Grafton Street and Tottenham Court Road, 8 p.m.; Cobden Statue, West St. Pancras, 8 p.m.; Tues., 11—Outside Pink's Factory, 1 p.m.; Triangle, Tower Bridge Road and Grange Road, 8 p.m.; Upper Grange Road and Grange Road, 8 p.m.; Wed., 12—Mount Pleasant Post Office, noon; Embankment, Norfolk Street, 8 p.m.; Thurs., 13—Greycoat Place, Westminster, 1 p.m.; Regency Place, Westminster, 8 p.m.; Warwick Street and Tachbrook Street, 8 p.m.; Fri., 14—Outside Kennington Theatre, 8 p.m.; San-croft Road and Kennington Road, 8 p.m.



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WHAT THE COUNTRY THINKS: SOME PRESS OPINIONS.

It cannot be expected that such a body as the Women's Social and Political Union will be content to sit quietly waiting for nine months for the release of their leaders. However much some people may disagree with their principles and methods, they must believe that they are sincere and terribly in earnest. The sentence inflicted upon their leaders by the judge after the strong recommendation to leniency by the jury, who were almost bound to convict them on their own admissions, and after what was nearly a mandate from the Bench, struck a large number of people, including some of those who resented the window-smashing episodes, as excessively severe. This was felt all the more in view of the light sentences inflicted on other persons convicted of political offences—offences likely to lead, in some instances, to much more serious results than the mere breaking of windows. It may be hoped that there will yet be a strong and successful attempt made both in and outside Parliament to obtain the immediate release, not only of the leaders, but of many women, some of them of the highest character, culture and refinement, from the barbarous punishments inflicted upon them by magistrates—punishments in some cases involving hard labour.

As for the recent great trial of the leaders, the jury's unanimous recognition of the purity of the motives underlying the militant agitation may justly be regarded by the women as a triumph. It was practically the first time that the facts of the militant movement had been placed before a jury, and the result was that, while the promoters were found technically guilty, they were at the same time declared morally innocent. A strong attempt was made by the Prosecution during the trial to damage the reputation of the W.S.P.U. and its leaders, but it signally failed. While recognising the enlightenment and fair-mindedness of the jury, the Union has a right to protest against the summing-up of the judge, and, as we have said, in this matter they are supported by the *Law Journal* itself. Throughout the trial Mr. Justice Coleridge displayed so much courtesy and consideration for the defendants that his extremely hostile attitude in summing up came as the greater surprise. As for the order of the Judge, that Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. Pethick Lawrence should pay the cost of their prosecution, that is a measure of vindictiveness scarcely likely to be enforced. *East Anglian Weekly Times*.

Mr. Justice Coleridge did not choose to have much regard to this appeal of the jury, or if he did, his ideas of clemency must be rather remarkable. While admitting that the offences brought home to the accused were of a decidedly serious character, and not to be tolerated in any condition of society, it is a question whether the ends of justice might not be effectually met and the cause of public order distinctly served by the imposition of a milder sentence. . . . If this sentence were reduced to one-third, or even to one-half, and if the fine were omitted, it would meet with general approval on the part of moderate, reasonable men, but as it stands it is likely to excite irritation and protest. *Cork Examiner*.

We think that in the end there will be a not inconsiderable sum of public feeling that the Judge might have listened with more sympathy to the jury's appeal that he would deal with the accused with "the utmost clemency." *Warwick Times*.

The whole business leaves an unpleasant impression upon the mind, and no one would be surprised if the defendants were released before the full term of their sentences had expired. *Bristol Evening News*.

Whatever view may be taken at present of the action of the women, history will not lightly view the treatment meted out to them. *Dundee Evening Telegraph*.

We venture to think that his lordship's notion of clemency is not shared by a large proportion of his fellow-countrymen, and to doubt whether the jury, had they had any idea as to how their recommendation would be brushed aside, would have returned the verdict they did. . . . If ever there was a political movement it is the movement for the extension of the full rights of citizenship to the women of this country. . . . When the victory is achieved the fullest honours of war must be accorded to those who, like Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Pankhurst, have taken their place conspicuously in the fighting line, and have proved their readiness to suffer for the great cause they have at heart. *Birkenhead News*.

Now, though we most certainly think that the policy of the hammer was very mistakenly and even wrongly adopted in advancement of the Suffragette cause, as a matter of fact, it must have alienated thousands of moderate adherents of the

cause—we are still inclined to believe that the Judge, by acceding to the jury's wish, would rather have added to the security of property than endangered it. Any feeling that Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have been treated with undue severity is rather likely to make others share their "martyrdom," and we can never be sure what form that "martyrdom" will take. *Midland Daily Telegraph*.

Should the Home Secretary lean to mercy's side in this instance, his decision to do so will, without doubt, meet with national approval. *Eastern Daily Press*.

While no sensible person can approve of the riotous scenes caused by the Suffragists in London, it will be generally felt that the sentence passed on the leaders yesterday was too severe. *Northern Whig*.

The one great success of the W.S.P.U. has been its triumph in organising demonstrations. In that respect there is no organisation of our times which can teach them anything. *Nottingham Daily Express*.

But though the verdict and the sentence are strictly legal and transparently just, there is considerable cogency in the plea that the prisoners should not be branded with the criminal taint. Nobody affects to believe that the heads of the Women's Social and Political Union, in planning a gigantic campaign of destruction, were animated by criminal motives. Their methods were wrong, and deserved punishment. But their motives were honest enough and pure enough, and in our opinion the justice of the case would have been met equally well had they been regarded as political offenders—as they are—and been dealt with as such. *North Mail*.

Of all these cases the six days' trial concluded yesterday has been of widest importance in the issues it has raised. Even if the principles involved had been of secondary value, the splendid ability and lofty eloquence shown by the defendants in their own defence would have given high interest to the trial. Mrs. Pankhurst's Tuesday speech in particular will take rank with the most distinguished in the annals of political crime. *Bolton Evening News*.

Is there such a super-abundance of these qualities [energy and intellect] in society that we can afford to extinguish them

inside a gaol meant for the vicious and the worthless? Curious, inexplicable blindness! These are just the people we need most—and we shut them up! *Cambridge Independent Press*.

So far as the Government are responsible for what has happened, it cannot be said that the recent proceedings redound very much to their credit. We have contended from the outset that these prosecutions ought never to have been instituted. *Aberdeen Evening Gazette*.

There is a strong body of opinion in favour of treating the prisoners as first-class misdemeanants, and a widely-expressed hope that the Government will see its way to recommend a reduction in the term of imprisonment. *Dundee Advertiser*.

Militant suffragism is the only form of suffragism that has accomplished anything. It is the Lawrences, the Pankhursts, and their following who have opened the public's eyes to woman's crying desire for the parliamentary vote. It is solely owing to the efforts of these ladies that the newspapers have opened their columns to the question. . . . And whether we are suffragettes or anti-suffragettes we must prepare ourselves to find the woman's movement advancing from strength to strength, and finding enormous impetus in the fate of Emmeline Pankhurst and Emmeline Pethick Lawrence. Rightly or wrongly, many will regard these two as martyrs. And martyrs make causes. . . . When you and I have passed, when the vote of woman is helping to make the laws which govern woman, when woman has some voice in electing the representatives whose salaries in part she pays; when Time's patient finger has smoothed out every crease and blur in the faulty perspective of the present; then will a niche of honour be found for the Pankhursts and the Lawrences. *Chelsea Mail*.

To come to a particular instance, where was Justice hiding when an English judge sentenced Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Pankhurst to nine months in the second division? *The Clarion*.

"Divorce and Morality," acknowledged in "Books Received" in our issue of May 24 is by O. S. Bremner and not by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, who is the author of the preface.

MASS MEETING OF IRISH SUFFRAGISTS.

The meeting of Irish Suffragist delegates in the Ancient Concert Rooms, Dublin, on June 1 was a unique one. From every important centre in Ireland—North, South, East, West, Midlands—as well as from the Irish in London, delegates came representing suffrage societies and other women's organisations of all shades of political opinion (militant and constitutional) to voice the united demand of Irishwomen for a Government amendment to the Home Rule Bill. The hall was gay with flags and pennants—the orange and green of the Franchise League and its branches, the silver and blue of the Suffrage Federation Societies, the dark blue and gold of the Daughters of Erin—while all round the hall, the second largest hall in Dublin, were ranged shields bearing the names of the various centres which had sent delegates. The platform was occupied exclusively by women, and all the speakers were women, town councillors, graduates from the two great Irish Universities, poor law guardians, women doctors, working women, artists, actresses, teachers, nurses, presided over by Miss Hayden, the Lady Senator of the National University. Never before in Ireland were so many distinguished women, representative of every shade of thought and activity, gathered together to voice a unanimous demand for citizenship in an Irish Parliament.

The following societies took part in the meeting: The Irish Women's Franchise League, Irishwomen's Reform League, Irishwomen's Suffrage Society, Belfast; Munster Women's Franchise League, Irish League for Woman Suffrage, London; Waterford, Lisburn, Newry, Warrenpoint, Birr, Armagh, Limerick, Derry, and Wexford Suffrage Societies, the Irish Women Worker's Union, the Ladies' Committee, Irish Drapers' Assistants' Association. Messages of support and sympathy were read from the Rev. J. O. Hannay ("George Birmingham"), Mme. Maud Gonne, Mrs. Cope, Miss Melkone, George Russell ("A. E."), Frederick Ryan, St. John Ervine, Wm. Sears (*Ennisworthy Echo*), Miss Deborah Webb, Mr. Harris, J.P., Mrs. Hawkes-Cormack, Dr. Sophie Bryant, Mrs. Dryhurst, James Connolly, Miss O'Connell Hayes, and Miss Patricia Hoey. Cablegrams were received from Miss Vida Goldstein, representing the Women's Political Association of Victoria, and from the women Suffragists of America. The following resolution was carried with one dissentient:

That while expressing no opinion on the general question of Home Rule, this mass meeting of delegates from the Irish Suffrage Societies and other women's organisations, representing all shades of political and religious opinion, profoundly regrets the proposal to establish a new Constitution in Ireland on a purely male franchise, and calls upon the Government to amend the Home Rule Bill in Committee by adopting the Local Government Register (which includes women) as the basis of the franchise for the new Parliament.

Mrs. Chambers (Belfast), Mrs. Crichton (Sligo), Mrs. Sheehy Skeffington (Chairman of Committee, I.W.F.L.), Mrs. Gibson (Limerick), Miss Day (Cork), Mrs. Wyse Power (Vice-President, Sinn Féin), Miss Lennox (Irish Suffrage League, London), and Mrs. Cowan (Birr) spoke in support of the resolution, pointing out the various reasons why Irishwomen, who have exercised with such efficiency the municipal vote, should possess the Parliamentary franchise under the new constitution, and calling upon the Government to adopt the amendment in their Home Rule Bill. Copies of the resolution were sent to every member of the Liberal Cabinet and to all the Irish members of Parliament. "The meeting," writes our correspondent, "was the first to voice a unanimous demand with regard to a Home Rule amendment, and if the Government, while providing safeguards for minorities in Ulster, disregards the just claim put forward by Irishwomen from all parts of Ireland, it must be held responsible for the consequences."

FROM AMERICA.

The Women's Social and Political Union has received the following letter from Mr. Henry Moskowitz, head worker of Madison House (Down Town Ethical Society, New York):—

We Americans are intensely interested in the prospect of Irish Home Rule. With us State and local autonomy is no longer a conviction; it is a political instinct. It is the cradle of democracy, as no large democratic experiment in government can succeed without making provision for the citizen's experience and training in the smaller units.

The struggle for Home Rule in Ireland is one of the most inspiring aspirations of a brave and lovable people. It is significant that the Asquith Government is not experiencing the difficulties which previous Liberal Governments have met with in their advocacy of Irish Home Rule.

Is it not because the movement for democracy has made such strides all over the world that Irish Home Rule seems like a natural flowering of a deep democratic growth? To a believer in democracy Irish Home Rule is as inevitable as votes for women. Both are expressions of the same movement; and, to an observer of English politics across the sea, there is no logic in answering the democratic demands

of the Irish people by an undemocratic Home Rule Bill. For, to deprive the women of Ireland of the privilege of active participation in the political life of their country is not only undemocratic—it is unjust to Ireland and to its manhood and womanhood.

It is unjust to Ireland, because there are many political problems which appeal so vitally to women affecting Ireland's social and industrial life to the solution of which the distinctly feminine interest and intelligence can make a precious contribution.

It is unjust to its womanhood, because if the vote is not a right, it is a tool, the proper use of which will react favourably, not only upon the country, but upon the women themselves. Every avenue for the enrichment of personality should be opened to every human being. Why should the voting function be denied women? Surely considerations of chivalry would impel men to enrich the personality of that womanhood which they prize.

And, finally, Irishmen will find in the reaction of the feminine mind on political problems an inspiration and a stimulus which will add newer interest and variety to the comradeship of the sexes.

Two weeks ago the city of New York was thrilled by an imposing parade, in which the flower of womanhood participated. It was a demonstration in favour of votes for women. It was more: it was symbolic of woman's awakening. It was a dignified self-assertion of human personalities. It was a demand that woman's selfhood be given every opportunity for rich expression in every domain of human activity. Some men came to scoff, happily not many, but they soon stood in awe. For they saw in that demonstration a mood akin to that of other armies, not of women, but of men who fought for the same things.

FROM AUSTRALIA.

The Women's Political Association of Victoria sends the W.S.P.U. a copy of a message sent, through Mr. Hazelton, M.P., to Mr. Redmond and the Irish Party. The message is signed by Miss Vida Goldstein:—

The Women's Political Association protests respectfully against the undemocratic nature of the Home Rule Bill, and begs the Irish Party to remember that Australian women have always subscribed liberally to the Home Rule Funds. We submit that Irishmen should not attempt to obtain political justice at the expense of Irishwomen, who have suffered equally with their menfolk, and stood shoulder to shoulder with them in fighting for Home Rule. In the name of justice and chivalry, pay the debt Ireland owes to Anna Parnell and the Ladies' Land League by enfranchising Irishwomen on the same terms as Irishmen.

THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE LABOUR PARTY.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN. Dear Editors,—May I, in a few lines, state the present parliamentary position as it strikes an outsider? For it is the psychological moment for the Labour Party.

The Government have now made plain what was probably all along their secret purpose. They will bring in a Plural Voting measure this session, and the precious Adult Suffrage Bill is to be quietly shelved. In consequence of this crafty design women will find themselves on December 31, 1912, not one step nearer the vote than they were on January 1.

But what will the Labour Party in the House say to this pleasant arrangement? Allow me to point out what is their obvious duty. According to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's promise at the Albert Hall in February, the party is pledged to turn out the Government on the Reform Bill if women are not finally included in the measure. This unpleasant predicament, the Cabinet, if I am right, have no intention of facing this session. But to redeem their pledge and to act up to their principles the party have only one course before them. They must oppose Home Rule. I do not suggest this to be their duty merely as a reprisal against the Nationalists for their conduct in the matter of the Conciliation Bill. But the Labour Party has no interest in Home Rule merely as such. What their principles stand for is democratic Home Rule. Why, then, I ask, should they support a measure which only grants it on a uni-sexual basis? Clearly they must from every point of view vote solid against the Government Bill on its third reading, unless, of course, in the meantime it has been so amended in committee as to admit Irish women to the franchise on an equal basis with men.

—Yours, &c.,

G. HERBERT DAVIS.

Hereford, June 1.

URGENT!

Mrs. A. E. Gordon, 16, Daleham Gardens, Hampstead, makes an urgent appeal for contributions to the Prisoners' Hamper Fund, and acknowledges with thanks the following: Mrs. Harben, 10s.; Mrs. Bull, £1 1s.; Mrs. C. L. Edwards, £1; Miss M. Taylor, £1.

CIVIL SERVICE WOMAN SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Savoy Bank Branch of the above will be held at the Broadway Hall, Hammer Smith, on Wednesday, June 12, at five o'clock. The chair will be taken by Miss C. S. Howse. Speaker, Miss J. Hamilton Thomson, M.A.



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THE REFORMERS' NEWSPAPER.

The Reformers' newspaper of the eighteenth century was Cobbett's Register. The Reformers' newspaper of to-day is VOTES FOR WOMEN. Everyone who reads the reports of the late trial must have noticed the prominent place in the proceedings given to the weekly organ of the Women's Social and Political Union. The public interest thus roused in VOTES FOR WOMEN must not be allowed to decline. Buyers will not be found wanting if sellers can be found in sufficient numbers to sell. The circulation of the paper depends primarily upon the members of the Union who will come out into the streets to sell it, who will hawk it from door to door, who will buy it to give away, who will induce others to take out quarterly or yearly subscriptions for themselves and for those who need conversion. It is the business of every member of the Union to show what sort of an answer women have to give to the Government who has tried to crush their movement. One of the best answers is

The Increased Circulation of the Paper.

Already, from the local Unions come encouraging accounts of what they have done in this way. At the Edinburgh W.S.P.U. Shop the weekly sales have risen from 300 to 600, and "we are aiming at 1,000" writes Miss Lucy Burns. In Kensington, due to extra sellers and a bicycle parade, 400 copies were sold on one day alone. At Kingston, seven dozen were sold at an open-air meeting; similar results were achieved at open-air meetings in Halifax, Newport, and elsewhere. These are only a few instances of what is being done. Let them be multiplied a thousand-fold; for nothing would please our imprisoned Editors more than a steady widening of the circulation of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

AT BRISTOL.

In spite of the torrents of rain a large crowd assembled on Durdham Down on Saturday to listen to Mrs. Mansel, Miss Brackenbury, the Rev. Geoffrey Ramsay. Resolutions were passed (at one platform unanimously) calling on the Government immediately to release the imprisoned suffragettes and to give votes to women this session.

We are informed by the secretary of the Men's Federation for Women's Suffrage that their address is St. Paul's Chambers, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4, where all information may be obtained.

IMPORTANT.

The Prisoners' Secretary, 4, Clement's Inn, Strand, W.C., would be glad if the following members would communicate with her immediately:—Miss Louisa Wilson, Miss Winifred Northmore Whitlock, Miss Marie Louise Waller, Miss Agnes McDonald, Miss Daphne Dorian, Miss Jeanne Brown, Miss Evelyn Scott, Miss Edith Jacob.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Election Mistress—Miss Moss Leo, 45, Ashworth Mansions, High Avenue, W. Hon. Sec.—Miss Hale, 4, Clement's Inn, W.C.

The open-air campaign is now in full swing, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend to-night's class in order to know exactly what points to deal with at open-air meetings. Miss Leo will be present, and hopes that there will be a large attendance, as the speakers' class must play an important part in this campaign. Miss Leo's private classes are held every Saturday, by kind permission of Mrs. Ayrton, at 41, Norfolk Square, W., at 4 p.m. All communications concerning these should be made to Miss Leo. Communications regarding public classes should be addressed to Miss Hale. Both classes are open to W.S.P.U. members only.

RULES.

1. Members of the W.S.P.U. only are eligible.
2. The Class is held at 4, Clement's Inn, Room 72, every Friday, at 7.45 p.m. sharp.
3. Entrance fee, 3d. weekly; proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
4. The library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or sent by post before the next class.
5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted to these classes except intending speakers.

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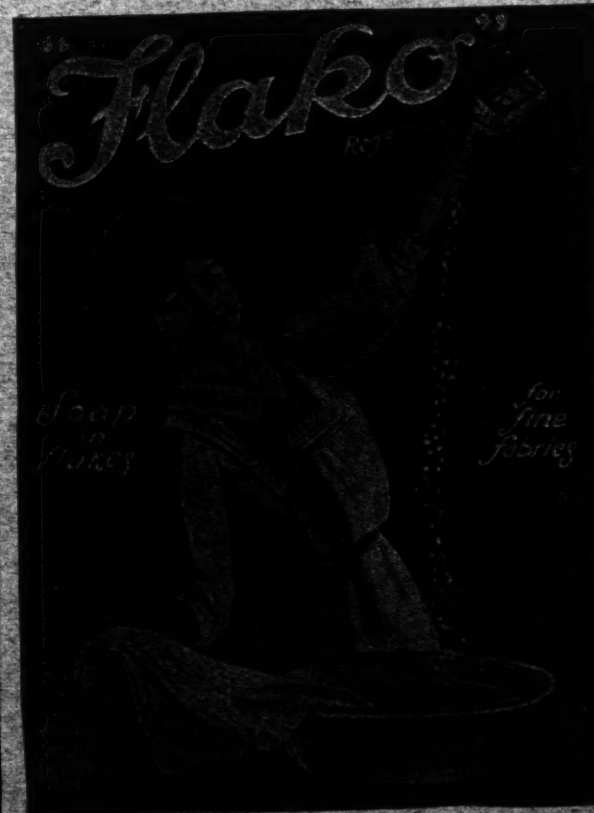
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Hon. Organising Sec.—Victor D. Duvall.

Thanks to the speakers and all others who helped to make the Kensington Town Hall meeting such a success. The hall was well filled, and the audience enthusiastic. VOTES FOR WOMEN and other literature found a ready sale. Members and friends, please bear in mind the garden meeting which will be held on Saturday, June 22, at 3.30 p.m., by kind permission of Mrs. Hepburn, at Heathcroft, Putney Hill. Cards can be obtained at above address from Mrs. Hepburn, at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road, and at the offices of local W.S.P.U.'s. Gifts of chocolate and boxes of sweets will be most welcome, and should be sent to Mrs. Hepburn. A large and interested crowd listened to Miss Nancy Lighthman and Mr. Reginald Pott at Hyde Park last Sunday. Mr. G. Jacobs held some successful meetings in the Cobden Hotel, Birmingham. A strong appeal for financial support is made on behalf of our energetic Oxford Branch. The M.P.U. will take part in the Trafalgar Square Demonstration on June 15, at 3 p.m., organised by the Men's League for Women's Suffrage. Already acknowledged: £1,624 12s.; "The Husband and Father of W.S.P.U. Prisoners," £1; E. W. Jones, Esq., M.D., 1s. 6d.; Collection, Kensington Town Hall, May 29, £9 8s. 1d.; sundry receipts, £6 6s. 6d.; membership fees, 3s.—£1,541 10s. 1d.



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No Reports received later than first post Monday can be inserted.

BALHAM AND TOTTING.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. D. J. Cooksedge, 12, Foxbourne Road, Balham, S.W.

There was a good gathering at last Friday's "At Home" at "Bijou Hall," when Miss Amy Winter spoke. Mrs. Tyson was in the chair. Thanks to those who have volunteered for paper-selling. Will others also come forward? Thanks to the friend who has generously offered to supply the Balham Public Library with Votes for Women weekly. A series of open-air meetings and a cake and candy sale are being arranged. Further particulars later.

BOWES PARK AND DISTRICT.
Organiser—Miss E. Gargott, 4, St. Oswald Road, Palmer's Green, N.

The weekly open-air meetings are well attended, and are now quite a feature in the district. Will members make these meetings widely known, so that the public may learn more about the suffrage movement? More paper-sellers are wanted, and as this is a most important time, it is hoped there will be a good response to this appeal.

CHELSEA AND KENSAL TOWN.
Shop and Office—308, King's Road.

Hon. Sec. (pro tem.)—Mrs. Temple Bird. Tel., 2858 Kensington.
Miss Mina Sheppard, Miss Joan Wickham, and Mrs. Temple Bird addressed a good meeting at Sloane Square last Thursday. A large number of Votes for Women was sold. Anyone who can give even an hour a week to paper-selling is asked to call at the office. Further gifts for jumble sale will be gratefully received.

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.
Shop—305, Fulham Road. Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Cullen and Mrs. Roberts.

The open-air meetings held during the week were most successful. Mrs. Bouvier, Miss Nancy Lightman, and Miss Coombes were the speakers. Paper-sellers are especially needed for the Wednesday evening meetings at Putney.

HAMMERSMITH.
Shop—95, The Grove. Hon. Sec.—Miss Harbottle.

A capital meeting was held on May 28, when Mrs. Smithwick was the chief speaker. The jumble sale takes place to-day (Friday), and helpers are required. Members and friends should send in their parcels without delay. A few Albert Hall tickets are still to be had. Paper-sellers and shop-minders are badly needed. Best thanks to members who so generously contributed to the shop fund. The subscription list is still open.

HAMPSTEAD.
Shop and Office—178, Finchley Road.

Hon. Secs. (pro tem.)—Miss Alfred Weaver, Miss D. Solomon.

It is hoped that local members will attend the Regent's Park demonstration in large numbers next Sunday afternoon. Volunteers are still wanted for bill distributing, and for a poster-parade to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon on Hampstead Heath. Miss Collier is very kindly lending her drawing-room for a meeting on Friday afternoon, June 16, when Mrs. Massey and Mrs. Thomson-Prior will speak. Despite the weather, an excellent meeting was held on the Heath last Sunday morning by Mrs. Sadd-Brown and Miss Lucas. More regular paper-sellers are urgently needed for Finchley Road pitch.

HORNSEY.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Bonwick, B.A., 28, Weston Park, Crouch End, N.

Owing to the very wide area embraced under the term, N. Islington and Hornsey, it has been decided to form two separate local unions. This Union, therefore, resumes its original name, and will confine its activities to Hornsey, including Crouch End, Haringay, and Muswell Hill. Workers and financial help will be most welcome. Will those who can help at open-air meetings, sell papers, or contribute money please write to the secretary?

ILFORD.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Haslam, 68, Cranbrook Road.

The meetings held at Chadwell Heath on Wednesday at Balfour Road and outside Town Hall, Ilford, on Saturday, were addressed by Miss Wingrove and Miss Haslam, and were splendidly attended. Papers were sold out at all meetings. Papers also sold out at Ilford Station pitch on Friday last in twenty minutes. More sellers are wanted. Some upper-orchestra Albert Hall tickets, price 6d., are still on sale. Please apply at once.

ISLINGTON.
Office—347, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casperley.

In view of the coming Regent's Park Demonstration, the secretary wishes to make an urgent appeal for funds. Several subscriptions are overdue, and if members would kindly send these at once it would greatly help. Volunteers are wanted for poster-parades, leaving 52, Prad Street, to-morrow (Saturday) at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

KENSINGTON.
Shop and Office—143, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel., 2116 Western. Hon. Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp.

The monthly At Home given by Mrs. Hartley Withers was a great success, as were also the drawing-room meetings arranged by Mrs. Henderson and Miss Lynch. Open-air meetings are held in North Kensington (see programme) weekly. A large crowd gathered to hear Mrs. Drummond on May 21, and four dozen papers were sold. Thanks to extra sellers, and two bicycle parties undertaken by Mrs. Dimpock, Mrs. Thal, and Miss Douglas, the sale of the paper containing an account of the trial was very greatly increased. On one day alone nearly 400 copies were sold. Thanks to the canvassing of newagents by Miss Wylie and Miss Dalglish, most shops in Kensington now display the poster. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Hazard, 10a, 6d.; Mrs. Rogers, 10a, 6d.; Mrs. Hartley Withers, 2a, 6d. The following are welcomed as new members: Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. du Loris Norman, Miss March, Miss Dagnall Clark, and Miss Donath Hall.

KINGSTON AND DISTRICT.
Hon. Org. Sec.—Mrs. Deane Fox, Office—12, Union Street, Kingston-on-Thames.

The tremendous success of the meeting at the "Elms," Hampton, in the very heart of an anti-suffrage stronghold, shows that the W.S.P.U. has but to put its case and the day is won. Mrs. Brailsford and Mr. Clayton's speeches were much appreciated. The collection amounted to £1 12s. 11d. With all members who have not yet sent in their contribution to the banner fund do so at once, as the list must be closed. Mrs. Drummond's meeting was well attended. Saturday morning's meeting at the Coronation Stone was a tribute to the local Union. Miss Elia Myers held one of the largest crowds on record for nearly two hours, and seven dozen papers were sold. Thanks to all the members, and especially to Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Kendrew, Mrs. Beatty, and Mrs. Vallance for individual services to the Union. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Oxenford, 4a, 6d.; Mrs. Langworthy, 10a, 6d.; Mrs. Kendrew, 10a, 6d.; Mrs. Lynn, 10a, 6d.; Sympathiser, £1 2s. 6d.; Miss Mary Norton, 12a, 6d.; Mrs. Burton, 4a, 6d.; Mrs. Bristow, 2a, 6d.; Mrs. Elia Brown, 3a, 6d.; Mrs. Vallance, 4a, 6d.; Mrs. Beatty, 4a, 6d. Miss Gornall wishes members and friends to know that on Friday afternoon she has tea ready for any who are passing.

LAMETHAM.
Hon. Sec.—Miss A. M. Hawkins.

Office—138, Brixton Road, S.W. Miss Gibbe is giving a lecture at the office on Friday, June 14, at 8 p.m. Members are invited to

attend and to bring their friends. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Budd, 2a, 6d.; Mrs. Kohler, 2a, 6d.; parcels: Miss Spencer, M. G.; Mrs. Petrie, Mrs. Maurice Scott, Miss Quinlan, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Langley, Miss Walters, and Miss Wilson.

LEWISHAM.
Office—9a, Leampt Vale, Lewisham. Hon. Secs.—Miss Christina Campbell, Miss C. Townsend.

Will members please attend open-air meetings whenever possible. Help is urgently needed in working up the Blackheath Demonstration on June 16. Please call at office for handbills to distribute. A poster-parade will start from the office to-morrow (Saturday) at 2.45 p.m. Will members make a special effort to help? Gratefully acknowledged: Office rent: Miss Llewellyn, 2a; Miss Randall, 4a. Demonstration Fund: Miss Llewellyn, 6d.; donation, Mrs. Bouvier, 1s. 9d., profit on sale of tea.

NORFOLK ISLINGTON.
Office—19, St. Thomas's Road, Finsbury Park. Hon. Sec.—Miss Bryor, 49, Tuller Park.

A very successful meeting was held at the Cobden Statue on Tuesday, May 22, when Mrs. Bouvier was the speaker. Members and friends are asked to contribute towards the "Prisoners' Fund." All contributions will be most welcome.

RICHMOND AND KEW.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. C. T. Clayton, Glengariff, Kew Road.

Members who subscriptions for the current year are not yet paid are asked kindly to send them on to Mrs. Blundell, Stockholm, Lichfield Road, Kew Gardens. Thanks to the unknown lady who in the street recently handed Miss Ella Stevenson a donation of 2s. 6d. At the last members' meeting a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Miss Vera Slade for the splendid work she did as hon. sec.

STREATHAM.
Shop and Office—5, Shrubbery Road.

Hon. Org. Sec.—Miss Leonora Tyson.
The drawing-room meetings are most successful, thanks to those who lent their drawing-rooms. Further offers of drawing-room or large gardens will be much appreciated. Will all jam-makers bear the shop in mind during the fruit season? Gratefully acknowledged: Home-made jam from the Misses Blakman; contributions towards shop rent from Mrs. Bentley McLeod and Miss Reviers.

WEST HAM.
Hon. Sec.—Miss D. M. Hooper, 49, Junction Road, Romford.

The members who worked so hard for the Work-

men's Hall meeting are to be congratulated on its success. The treasurer will be pleased to receive subscriptions now due. Two more sellers are required for the Forest Gate pitch, either from 6-7, 7-8, or 8-9 on Friday evenings.

WESTMINSTER AND ST. GEORGE'S, MANOR SQUARE.

Hon. Org.—Miss H. G. Liddle, 52, Clebe Place, Chelsea, S.W.

A campaign has been started in these divisions with the object of forming a local branch of the W.S.P.U. The first drawing-room meeting was held on May 31 by kind permission of Mrs. A. J. Webb, at 35, Eaton Square. Mrs. Webb was in the chair, and Mrs. Massey spoke. A resolution protesting against the harsh and excessive sentences passed upon Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and calling upon the Government to order their immediate release, was carried unanimously. Several promises of drawing-room meetings were given. Mrs. A. Marshall promised £1 and Miss Sheldon 5s.

WIMBLEDON.
Shop—9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway. Tel., 1092, P.O. Wimbledon. Hon. Org. Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Merton, Surrey.

Woman's Sunday was an unqualified success, and everyone who took part in the various preparations and on the day itself is heartily thanked for rendering such loyal assistance to the organiser. The Lecture Hall meeting was well attended, but members are asked, whenever possible, to come in good time, that there may be less disturbance during the speeches. Members should make a special effort to bring friends. Mr. and Mrs. Lamartine Yates have kindly offered members the use of their tennis-court two evenings a week. All particulars can be had from Miss Mary Fitzgerald or Miss Biggar, at the office, who are jointly making all arrangements. Any wishing to avail themselves should apply at once. Members must be preparing a welcome to their devoted Mrs. Peggie, who is due to be released on June 29. Will someone assist with the handbill distribution on Wednesday and paper-selling on Thursday and Friday evening during Miss Lee's recovery from the accident which prevents her standing or walking? More than one volunteer will be welcome.

Home Counties.
REDFORD.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Smelt, 52, Goldington Avenue.

A well-attended meeting was held in St. Peter's Hall on Wednesday, May 23, when the speakers were the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield and Miss Wolf van Sanden. Very good reports of the speeches appeared in both the Liberal papers on Friday. Will any members volunteers to assist in paper-selling?

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK

June	Friday, 7	Blackheath, 7, Oakcroft Road	Chalking Party	7 p.m.
		4, Clement's Inn, W.C.	Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.
		Croydon, Katherine Street	Miss Lennox, Miss Julian	8 p.m.
		Fulham, Munster Road	Miss Coombes	8 p.m.
		Hammermith, The Grove	Miss Lightman	8 p.m.
		Haringay, Burgoyne Road	Miss Kelly, Miss Barry	7.30 p.m.
		Harrow Road, Prince of Wales	Miss Myers, Miss Winter	8 p.m.
		Kilburn, Birchington Road	Miss Guttridge, Miss Wilson	8 p.m.
		Messina Avenue	Members and friends. Hostess:	8 p.m.
		Kingston, 13, Union Street	Miss N. Gornall	2.30-6 p.m.
Saturday, 8		Woolwich, Elinor Road	Miss Clifford, Miss Cox	7.30 p.m.
		Blackheath, 7, Oakcroft Road	Poster Parade	3 p.m.
		128, Brixton Road, S.W.	Chalking Party	7 p.m.
		Chiswick, Duke's Road	Jumble Sale	3 p.m.
		Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Davies, Mrs. Barteld	7.30 p.m.
		Hampstead Heath	Poster Parade	2.30 p.m.
		Hammermith, The Grove	Miss Gwen Richard	3.30 p.m.
		Hampstead Road, Cobden's Statue	Miss Guttridge, Chair: Miss Nichols	7.30 p.m.
		Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Coombes, Miss Hoffman	8 p.m.
		Ilford, Balfour Road	Mrs. Biggar	8 p.m.
		Kensal Rise, Harriet Road	Miss Jacobs, Miss Doughty	8 p.m.
		Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Mrs. Dilks, Miss Barry	8 p.m.
		Kingston, 13, Union Street	Miss Burton, Miss Simpson	8 p.m.
		Kingston, Coronation Square	Miss C. L. Green, Chair: Mr.	
		Lewisham, 2a, Leampt Vale	Henningsway	12 p.m.
		North Finchley, Neither Street	Members' Rally	3.30-8 p.m.
		Church End	Poster Parade	2.45 p.m.
		Paddington, 52, Prad St. W.	Mrs. Deane Fox	8 p.m.
		Palmer's Green, Alderman's Hill	Poster Parade	11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
		Walthamstow, Conway Hall	Miss Phyllis Ayston, Chair: Miss	
		Willesden Green, The Library	Hilda Gargott	8 p.m.
		Willesden Green, The Library	Mrs. Mansel, Mr. J. Clayton, Chair:	
		Willesden Green, The Library	Miss Lennox	8 p.m.
		Willesden Green, The Library	Miss Meakin, Mrs. Bell	8 p.m.
Sunday, 9		Willesden Green, The Library	Miss G. Brakenbury, Chair: Mrs.	
		Wimbledon Broadway	Hargrett	7.30 p.m.
		Catford, Tram Terminus	Miss Leslie Hall	7 p.m.
		Clapham Common	Miss Elia Myers	6 p.m.
		Ealing Common	Mrs. John Brindley, Chair: Mr. Tom	
		Greenwich, Park Gates	Norris	6 p.m.
		Hampstead Heath, Flagstaff	Handbill Distribution	11.30 & 6 p.m.
		Hyde Park (near Marble Arch)	Miss E. Wynn, Chair: Miss Rogers	11.30 a.m.
		Regent's Park	Miss Richard, Chair: Mr. Victor Proust	3 p.m.
		Streatham Common	Demonstration. Miss Sylvia Pank-	
		Wimbledon Common	hurst, Mrs. Drummond, The Hon.	
			Mrs. Haverfield, Miss Annie Ken-	
			ney, Mr. Laurence Housman, Miss	
			Maria Maylor, and others	4 p.m.
			Miss Guttridge	3 p.m.
			Dr. Gordon Clark, Chair: Mrs. Lam-	
Monday, 10			artine Yates	6 p.m.
		Croydon, 50, High Street	Working Party	8 p.m.
		Kensal Rise	Miss G. Richard, Chair: Miss Jacobs	
		Kingston, 13, Union Street	At Home. Members and friends.	
		London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus,	Hostess: Mrs. Gilbert Head	3.30 p.m.
		W.C.	The Rev. Percy Dearmer, B.A.,	
			D.D., Miss Barbara Wylie, Chair:	
			Mrs. Drummond	2.15 p.m.
			Miss Gwen Richard, Chair: Mrs.	
			MacNamara	7.30 p.m.
		Brixton, Angell Road		8 p.m.
		Edgeware Road, Nailford Place	Mrs. Gilliat, Miss Winter	8 p.m.
		Hammermith, The Grove	Mrs. Biggar	8 p.m.
		Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Miss Jacobs	8 p.m.
		North Kensington, Junction of Lan-		
		caster Road and Ladbroke Grove	Miss Nancy Lightman	7.30 p.m.
		Palmer's Green, 6, Stoward Road	Fire-side Talks	8 p.m.
		Wimbledon Park	Lieutenant-Gasbet, R.N. Chair: Mrs.	
			Maurice Scarborough	8 p.m.
Wednesday, 12		Croydon, 50, High Street	Working Party	2.30 p.m.
		Ealing, Eton Green, W.	Mrs. Biggar, Chair: Mr. Tom	7.30 p.m.
		Hammermith, 95, The Grove	Working Party	7.30 p.m.
		Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Mrs. Penn Gaskell	8 p.m.
		Ilford, Barking, Old Town Hall	Mrs. Penn Gaskell	8 p.m.
		Kensington	Miss M. Harvey	8 p.m.
			Members' At Home and Prisoners'	
			Reception	
		Lewisham, Whitbure Road	Miss Townsend	7 p.m.
		Putney, Montpelier Road	Mrs. Cather	8 p.m.
		Thornton Heath Clock	Miss Lennox	8 p.m.
Thursday, 13		Hampstead Heath, Flagstaff	Miss Bonwick, B.A.	7.30 p.m.
		Paddington, 52, Prad Street, W.	Dr. Helen Hanson, Chair: The Hon.	
		Bedford, Wheelwright's Yard	Mrs. Haverfield	2.15 p.m.
		Baynes Park	Miss Isabel Seymour, Chair: Mrs.	
			White	8 p.m.
			Miss D. Gibbs, Chair: Mrs. Dickin-	
			son	8 p.m.
		Sloane Square, W.		12.45 p.m.
		Stamway Hall, Lower Seymour	Miss Winifred Maye, Chair: Miss	
		Street, Portman Square, W.	Evelyn Sharp	8 p.m.
		Wimbleton Lecture Hall, Lingfield	Mrs. Mansel, Mr. Thornton Jones,	
		Road	Chair: Mrs. Lamartine Yates	
Friday, 14		4, Clement's Inn, W.C.	Speakers' Class. Miss Rosa Leo	8 p.m.
		128, Brixton Road, S.W.	Miss Gibbs	7.45 p.m.
		Fulham, Munster Road	Miss Gilliat	8 p.m.
		Hampstead, 113, King Henry's Road	Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Thomson-Prior	2.30 p.m.
		N.W. Drawing Room Meeting	Hostess: Miss Collier	3.30 p.m.
		Harlesden, Manor Park	Miss Guttridge, Miss Jacobs	7 p.m.
		White Horse	Miss Guttridge, Miss Jacobs	8.15 p.m.
		Harrow Road, Prince of Wales	Miss Richards, Miss Smyth	8 p.m.
		Kensal Rise, Harriet Road School	Miss Wright, Miss Doughty	5 p.m.
		Kilburn, Messina Avenue	Miss Elia Myers, Miss Dickinson	6 p.m.
		Muswell Hill	Miss Bonwick, B.A., Miss Newstead	8.15 p.m.
		Willesden Green, The Library	Miss Coombes	7.30 p.m.
				8 p.m.

Saturday, June 16, Albert Hall Meeting, 8 p.m.

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Office—8, North Street, Quadrant, Tel. 4593 Mat. Organiser—Miss G. Allen.
Members who wish to attend the Albert Hall meeting (June 15) should communicate with the organiser before June 10, in case arrangements can be made for reduced fares. The members' meeting today (Friday) will be postponed on account of the special service and address arranged by the Church League at St. Barnabas's Church (Hove) at 8 p.m. Miss Gwen Richards' meetings have been much appreciated.

OXFORDSHIRE.
Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick, Westfields, Cumnor.
An energetic campaign is in full swing in Oxfordshire, where the admirable and hard-working Oxford Local Union has now been turned into an organised centre. Will sympathisers and friends living in Oxfordshire and in Buckinghamshire communicate with Miss Pethick with a view to arranging meetings, public and private, and thus spreading the knowledge of the movement? Everyone can help, and as unity is strength, it is hoped that everyone will write and make herself known. A special campaign will start in Aylesbury. Offers of help from speakers and workers will be most acceptable, if only for a few days. Workers and canvassers are most needed.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.
Hon. Sec.—Miss L. H. Pascoe, 4, Pelham Road, Southsea.
Splendid work was done by Miss Flatman during Whit-week at Southsea, on the occasion of the visit of the Co-operative Society's Congress. Meetings on the common and at the dockyard gates were large. Thanks to Councillor Pile and Mr. Porter for so ably speaking on the platform on the common in conjunction with Miss Flatman. Votes for Women sold well.

READING AND NEWBURY.
Shop and Office—69, Market Place.
Hon. Sec.—Miss O. L. Cobb.
Help is much needed for village meetings, and also for shop-minding. Will members with a little time to spare kindly call at the shop? Subscriptions for prisoners' hampers will be gratefully received.

The Midlands.
NOTTINGHAM.
Office—8, Carlton Street, Tel. 4511.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Burgess.
Miss Dorothy Pethick will speak at the great Reunion Supper to-night (Friday) at 7.30 p.m. Miss Crocker, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Laying, and Mrs. Baker are the honoured guests. The evening promises to be the greatest event in the history of the local union. Will members bring friends with them? Monday, June 17, is fixed for the Market Place demonstration. Mrs. Drummond, Miss Ainsworth, and Miss Douglas Smith are among the speakers. Volunteers for bill distributing and for stewards are urgently needed. Will all who can spare any time to help attend the Workers' Meeting to-morrow (Saturday) morning? More promises and gifts are wanted for the Rummage Sale.

West of England.
BATH.
Shop—12, Walcot Street. Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel. Hon. Secs.—The Misses Tollemache.
A meeting took place at Frome on Thursday, May 30, when Mrs. Mansel and Miss Kerr were the speakers. The work of organising was done almost entirely by Miss Szczepanski of Tetford, who would be glad of the names of any sympathisers in the neighbourhood who would help to carry on the work. Those who were present at the Church Social meeting in Bath on Thursday, when Mr. Leabury spoke, were delighted with his vigorous and outspoken defence of the W.S.P.U. leaders. The Rev. Stuart Smith also gave unimpaired admiration for the cause in his address. Votes for Women sold well outside after the meeting. Gratefully received: Miss Hamilton, 2s.

FALMOUTH AND PENRYN.
Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Vans Agnew Corbett.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Pascoe, 37, Marlborough Road, Falmouth.
The first Members' Meeting was held on May 30, to welcome Mrs. Pascoe on her return from Holloway. She has now kindly undertaken the work for the Local Union, so in future all communications should be addressed to her. The hon. organiser, Mrs. Vans Agnew Corbett, will still remain Press Secretary, but is now unable to undertake any further work owing to private matters. Mrs. E. Pascoe was also elected hon. treasurer, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. English and Miss Richards. Strong resolutions, "Demanding First Division treatment for the W.S.P.U. leaders" and "Calling for a full public inquiry into the treatment of Suffragist Prisoners," were passed unanimously. Two new members, Mrs. Payne and Miss K. Owen, were welcomed. Mrs. Pascoe and Miss Williams, of Devon, sold an extra thirty papers in Truro on market day. Mrs. Pascoe will gladly welcome volunteers as paper-sellers. Members are asked to note the library (W.S.P.U.) is at 37, Marlborough Road. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Powell, 2s.; Miss Powell, 2s.; Mrs. Thorne, 2s.

ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.
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At last Saturday's Members' Meeting arrangements were discussed for the forthcoming public meeting, at which Miss G. Brackenbury will speak. New members have joined, and many papers have also been sold by Miss Rose.

Wales.
BARRY.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. G. Jones, 250, Gladstone Road.
A successful open-air meeting was held on Thursday last. A huge crowd listened to Mrs. Drummond with the liveliest interest. Every copy of Votes for Women was sold. Thanks to Professor and Mrs. Jones for giving hospitality to Mrs. Drummond and entertaining the members.

NEWPORT.
Office—11, Snow Hill, Newport, Mon.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Humphrey Mackworth.
Members were much impressed by Mrs. Drummond's address at Friday's At Home. Thanks to Mrs. Oswald Thomas for kindly providing tea. At the open-air meeting, held the same evening, Mr. Moon presided over a large and deeply attentive audience. Mrs. Drummond again speaking. Over six dozen Votes for Women were sold. The street paper sales are most encouraging, but more sellers are needed. Jumble parcels may be sent to Miss Wade, The Friars, Newport, marked "W.S.P.U. Jumble Sale."

Eastern Counties.
CHICHESTER.
Organiser—Miss Grace Roe.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Bartels, Oak Cottage, Park Road.
An open-air demonstration will be held in the Market-place to-morrow (Saturday) at 7 p.m., when Miss Georgina Brackenbury will speak. Members and friends are earnestly requested to make this widely known.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.
Shop—Dial Lane, Ipswich. Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silent Street, Ipswich.
Shop Sec.—Miss King.
Arrangements are being made for the open-air demonstration (postponed owing to the by-election) during the first week in July. In view of this, a vigorous open-air campaign will be conducted. Full details will be given later. Members and friends willing to arrange garden meetings during the first fortnight in July are asked to communicate with the organiser.

North-Eastern Counties.
BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Miller Wilson, Belmont, Otley. Hon. Treas.—Mrs. Hardy Behrens.
Outdoor meetings will be held every Monday evening, beginning next Monday. Further particulars will be found on the card in the shop window. Permission having been granted to members to send copies of Votes for Women to the local free libraries, as well as the six copies sent through the Central Library, Miss Miller Wilson will be glad if members willing to undertake this useful work for a year will send in their names to her. It can be arranged for the paper to be sent direct from a shop, or members can deliver copies.

HALIFAX.
Org. Sec.—Dr. Helena Jones. Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Taylor, 32, Skircoat Green; Miss Blanche Schue, 15, Clare Road.
A large and attentive crowd assembled on Savile Park Moor on Sunday and listened to Dr. Jones' interesting and convincing speech. Councillor Taylor very kindly took the chair. A resolution protesting against the sentences on the leaders was carried by a large majority. Members and sympathisers are specially urged to attend next Thursday's meeting. Paper-sellers are badly wanted in Halifax.

HARROGATE.
Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 119, Valley Drive.
The usual summer campaign is now beginning. Members visiting Harrogate during any part of the summer are asked to communicate at once with the organiser at above address.

KULF.
Hon. Sec.—Miss R. Trill, Office—105, Ceitman Street.
A most successful demonstration was held in Paragon Square, when the resolution demanding the vote and the immediate release of the leaders was carried by large majorities at both platforms. The members are warmly congratulated on the

held at Stonehaven on Thursday, with Mr. Webster in the chair. The organiser is holding open-air meetings in different towns in Aberdeenshire every Saturday afternoon. Members to support these meetings will be gladly welcomed. There is a large demand for Votes for Women. Many thanks to Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Lawford, and Mrs. Webster for their splendid help. Acknowledged with thanks: Miss D'Este (Chelsea, London), 21; Miss Wright, 2s.; collections, 27 15s. 3d. Contributions will be gratefully received.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.
Office—61, Nethergate.
Organiser—Miss Fraser Smith, M.A.
Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane, Tel. 4319.
The help of all is wanted to make the protest meeting on Wednesday a great success. (See meeting list.) Handbills can be had at the office, which will be open till 8 p.m. on every evening. Admission to the meeting will be free, but it is hoped to sell a number of 6d. tickets for the front seats. Each member should try to dispose of a few. Two members have very kindly arranged to give tea in the office every Thursday afternoon. Thanks to all who helped with the Jumble Sale, especially to Mrs. Thacker and Mrs. Groat, who worked indefatigably. Contributions towards the office half-year's rent are urgently needed.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.
Office—27, Frederick Street. Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns. Shop Sec.—Miss E. Hudson, Tel. 6158 Central.
Members are asked to help with the sale of tickets and the distribution of handbills for the Protest Meeting. All members and their friends are cordially invited to a "shop-warming" at above to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 p.m. Very successful meetings were held in the Arts Hall, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, May 22, when Mrs. Webb made a speech of extraordinary interest on "White Slave Traffic" and on Friday, May 31, when Mrs. Grieve (newly returned to Scotland after "two months' hard" in Holloway Goal), Mrs. H. More Nisbett, and Mrs. Shaw McLaren were the speakers. Mrs. Charlton, with the help of Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Turner, managed a Jumble Sale in Dairy Road on May 25, at which over £10 was taken. Many thanks to Mrs. Charlton and her helpers for this practical service. Eight open-air meetings were held last week in Edinburgh, and one in North Berwick. With the help of these meetings and the street-selling over fifty dozen Votes for Women were disposed of.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.
Shop and Office—502, Sauchiehall Street. Tel. 615, Charing Cross. Hon. Org. Sec.—Miss F. McPhun. Organiser—Miss Parker.
Successful open-air meetings have been held nightly during the past week, the speakers being

field, the Rev. F. M. Green, and the Rev. G. D. Rosenthal, of Birmingham, will speak on "The Church and the Social Problem." The procession to-morrow will form up in Portman Square, instead of at the Marble Arch, at 2 p.m.

CYMRIC SUFFRAGE UNION.
President—Mrs. D. A. Thomas.
Hon. Sec.—Mrs. E. E. Davies, 53, Wandsworth Bridge Road, S.W.
A committee meeting will be held at 69, Wimpole Street on Monday, June 10, at 5.30 p.m., by kind permission of Mrs. Mansell-Moulin. A public meeting will be held at the International Suffrage Room, Adam Street, on June 20, when Mrs. Nevins will be one of the speakers. Further particulars will appear later.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOC. FOR W.S.
President—Mrs. Cecil Chapman.
Office—8, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge (opposite Tube Station).
Miss McGowan and Miss Alexandra Wright are helping Hythe Local Branch to conduct a vigorous campaign against the Liberal candidate. Members are reminded that three successive by-elections have been a great drain on the Society's financial resources, and that they must therefore do everything in their power to replenish the funds by advertising the Chislewick Garden Fete on June 23. Volunteers are wanted to distribute handbills at all meetings, and particularly at the Trafalgar Square Demonstration on June 15, and outside the Albert Hall in the evening. Tickets and handbills can now be obtained at the office. Members are also reminded of the Sale of Country Produce at the office, to be opened by the Marchioness of Downshire on Tuesday, June 25. Gifts of garden and farm produce will be welcome, and members are urged to reserve the date and bring their friends. Jumble goods are still wanted.

MEN'S LEAGUE FOR W.S.
Offices—159, St. Stephen's House, Westminster.
Every Suffragist in London should do her or his best to be present at the demonstration in Trafalgar Square on Saturday, June 15, at three o'clock. The following societies have signified their intention of being present officially: Women's Freedom League, Irish League for Women's Suffrage, Men's Political Union, the New Constitutional Society, Women Writers' League, Tax Resistance League. Many other societies have signified their approval of the demonstration, though they are not able to be officially represented. A resolution will be submitted demanding the enfranchisement of women, and protesting against the treatment of political prisoners as common law-breakers. All Suffragists are earnestly asked to make a special point of helping to fill the Square and obtaining a unanimous passing of the resolution. The near approach of the Government's Reform Bill calls for immediate and continuous action. Helpers of all kinds will be welcome. All societies are asked to send banners by two o'clock to the square.

IRISH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.
Hon. Sec.—Miss G. O'Connell Hayes, 19, Buckingham Street, Strand.
The usual fortnightly meeting will take place on Tuesday next, June 11th, at the Emerson Club, Buckingham Street, Strand, at 8 p.m., when Mr. Herbert Burrows will deliver an address on "Irish Women and Home Rule—Citizens or Slaves." Members are reminded that an Irish contingent will take part in the demonstration on June 15 to protest against the treatment of political prisoners, organised by the Men's League for Women's Suffrage. There will be an Irish banner, and all Irish men and women are invited to put out and show their sympathy with those fighting for liberty. Names should be sent in as soon as possible.

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June, Friday, 7	Bournemouth, East Cliff Lift	Miss Naylor	11.30 a.m.
" "	Nottingham, Morley's Cafe	Welcome Supper to prisoners: Miss D. Pethick	7.30 p.m.
Saturday, 8	Chelmsford, Market Place	Demonstration: Miss G. Brackenbury	7 p.m.
" "	Edinburgh, 27, Frederick Street	Members and friends	5 p.m.
" "	Liverpool, 11, Renshaw Street	American Tea. Dr. Alice Ker, Miss Dorothy Abraham	4 p.m.
" "	Nottingham, 6, Carlton Street	Workers' Meeting	11.30 a.m.
" "	Preston, Market Place	Dr. Helena Jones. Chair: Mrs. Fowler	3 p.m.
" "	Friarage, Orient Cafe	Dr. Helena Jones. Chair: Mrs. Holden	8.30 p.m.
" "	Sunderland, Town Moor	Demonstration: Mrs. Baines, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Atkinson, Dr. Alice Burn, and others	3.30 p.m.
Monday, 10	Claydon (near Ipswich)	Burn and others	3.30 p.m.
" "	Northampton, Kettering, Cross Keys Assembly Rooms	Miss Bartels, Miss Lowy	8.30 p.m.
" "	Pontypool, Room under Free Library	Mrs. A. J. Webb	8 p.m.
" "	Sparkhill, "Mermaid"	Jumble Sale	3 p.m.
" "	Whiston (near Liverpool)	Miss Haly. Chair: Miss Pitt	8 p.m.
Tuesday, 11	Bexhill, W.S.P.U. Shop, Marine	Miss Bartels, Miss Lowy	7.30 a.m.
" "	Birmingham, Small Heath	Miss Naylor	4 to 5 p.m.
" "	Gales	Mrs. Bonnie Smith. Chair: Miss Dickenson	8 p.m.
" "	Clacton-on-Sea, Glenagarry	Work Party. Hostess: Mrs. Goldsmith	3 to 5 p.m.
" "	Haverthwaite, Whitehall Road	Miss Grimes. Mr. Wilson. Chair: Miss Bodell	8 p.m.
" "	Hastings, Wellington Square	Miss Bodell	8 p.m.
" "	Northampton, Fish Street, 14	Mrs. A. J. Webb	3 and 8 p.m.
" "	Melville Hall	Weekly At Home	3 p.m.
" "	Reading	Demonstration: Mrs. Baines, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Atkinson and others	7.30 p.m.
" "	South Shields, Market Place	Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Mr. Joseph Clayton	8 p.m.
Wednesday, 12	Dundee, Gilliland Hall	Miss Naylor	8 p.m.
" "	Bathurst, Eastern Bandstand	Miss Lowy, Miss Bartels	12 p.m.
" "	Felixstowe, Yacht Pond	At Home: Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Laura Ainsworth	8 p.m.
" "	Newcastle, 77, Blackett Street	Miss Lowy, Miss Bartels	6.30 p.m.
" "	Trimly (near Felixstowe)	Miss Lowy, Miss Bartels	8 p.m.
Thursday, 13	Walton	Miss Annie Williams	7.30 p.m.
" "	Carmarthen	Miss Bartels, Miss Lowy	8 p.m.
" "	Chelmsford	Dr. Helena Jones	8 p.m.
" "	Halifax, Mechanics' Institute	Miss Haly. Chair: Miss Proctor	7.30 p.m.
" "	Huddersfield, Alum Rock	Protest Meeting	7.30 p.m.
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energy with which they worked it up. It is hoped that open-air meetings may be continued at intervals throughout the summer.

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Last Saturday's procession in North Shields made a great impression. The resolution protesting against the vindictive sentences and demanding the immediate release of Mrs. Pankhurst and Mrs. Peacock Lawrence was carried unanimously at both platforms. All members and friends in or near Sunderland are urgently asked to attend the Protest Demonstration to-morrow (Saturday) on the Town Moor. (See list of meetings.) The arrangements for the Newcastle Pageant on July 6 are now well in hand. Help of all sorts is needed, altering dresses, &c. Miss Violet Taylor, who has kindly undertaken the financial responsibility, urgently appeals for subscriptions. She has already £250 promised. Will others please send in promises, as more than double this amount is wanted to make it a real success? Members wishing to attend the Albert Hall on June 15 are reminded that tickets may be obtained from the organiser, who will be glad to know the number going as soon as possible.

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On Friday a very successful open-air meeting was addressed by Miss Ada Suffield at Selby. Saturday's protest meeting was large and most sympathetic. Dr. Helena Jones was the speaker. A resolution demanding Votes for Women this year and the immediate release of all Suffragist prisoners was passed with one dissentient.

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A successful series of meetings have been held, Mrs. Partown and Miss A. J. Webb arousing particular interest. A successful open-air meeting was

held at Stonehaven on Thursday, with Mr. Webster in the chair. The organiser is holding open-air meetings in different towns in Aberdeenshire every Saturday afternoon. Members to support these meetings will be gladly welcomed. There is a large demand for Votes for Women. Many thanks to Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Lawford, and Mrs. Webster for their splendid help. Acknowledged with thanks: Miss D'Este (Chelsea, London), 21; Miss Wright, 2s.; collections, 27 15s. 3d. Contributions will be gratefully received.

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Hon. Secs.—Miss Cynthia Maguire, 39, Priory Road, N.W.; Miss F. A. Ayton, 63, Edith Road, W. Kensington.
Readers of VOTES FOR WOMEN are reminded of the meeting to be held at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C. (Broad Street and Liverpool Street Stations), on Monday next, June 10, at 7 p.m. Miss Brackenbury will speak, and Miss Winifred Mayo has kindly promised to recite. There is no charge for admission; invitation cards may be had from the secretaries.

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THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR W.S.
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